

**QUAKING ASPEN QUILT GUILD**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL QUILTING RETREAT - JANUARY 13-16, 2023**  
**Highlands Presbyterian Retreat Center, Allenspark, CO**

Our annual retreat will be held during the Martin Luther King weekend in January 2023. As always, it is a wonderful weekend of sewing, friendship, laughter, and inspiration. We can take up to 28 quilters at the retreat and we hope to see you there! The retreat is open to any QAQG member. We will begin at 2:00 pm on Friday, Jan. 13; checkout time is 4:00 pm on Monday, Jan. 16.

If you are new to the guild or haven't gone to the retreat before, please consider joining us! Here is a partial list of the wonderful aspects of the weekend:

- We are set up for sewing in a large meeting room with a spectacular view of Mt. Meeker to the north. The view alone is worth the trip.
- Each of us has a work area where you leave your machine and projects set up. We share cutting, ironing, and layout spaces, with several design walls available for anyone to use.
- Our sleeping rooms are down the hall, so it's all on one floor and you don't have to go outside if you don't want to. Many have been known to work in jammies all day... Makeup and hairstyling optional....
- All meals are provided during the time you're there. Yes, it's cafeteria food, but someone else prepares it, serves it, and cleans up the dishes!
- Alcohol **is not** permitted at the retreat center, but chocolate is! We always have snacks and munchies to share and beverages are available 24/7. Some of us sew well into the wee hours or get up early to sew in the morning quiet.
- We spend all the time sewing. Some retreats have classes, demonstrations, or other activities; not us! This group just likes to sew. Everyone is happy to share, and putting something on a design wall guarantees suggestions, ideas, and appreciation.
- We do have gifts for everyone and some door prizes. And a Saturday night activity.
- No cell service! No television! There is a land line for communication with the outside world. Wi-Fi is available in the bedrooms and in some areas of the building.
- We have made arrangements again for a massage therapist to come during the weekend. What a wonderful remedy to the hard work of sewing!
- Friendships, conversation, and lots of laughter are the most special parts of the weekend.

This year we are only offering a four days/three night retreat stay. You can have a single room or have one, two, or three roommates. The prices for the retreat are slightly higher than our previous year's costs, partly due to the fact we are limited to 28 participants this year. We are required to charge an **additional \$1/meal** for anyone requesting vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free meals.

**Masks are not currently required, but you should bring one with you in the event a mask mandate is issued during the retreat.**

The costs this year are as follows:

Room Type	Three Nights
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Single	\$521.96
Double	\$337.94
Triple	\$300.94
Quad	\$285.94
Special meals	\$9

Please note that we try to accommodate everyone's requests for room size and roommates. However, we might have to rearrange some people to meet everyone's needs. We will make a best effort to work with each attendee to be sure it works for you.

Here are the upcoming retreat dates to keep in mind:

- September 16      Application form emailed to all guild members by this date (earlier if possible). Applications must be printed, filled out, and sent by mail – instructions will be included with the application form.
- October 1      **First postmark date accepted.** Applications will be taken in order of postmark date and accepted until the retreat is filled. Additional applications will be put on a waitlist in order of postmark date. APPLICATIONS WITH POSTMARKS BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OR WITHOUT PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE PUT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PILE.
- October 15      Applications opened by retreat committee. If the committee receives more than 28 applications dated Oct. 1, **all applications** (except the committee members) will be put into a box and drawn randomly. Once the retreat is full, any other applications go onto a waitlist in order of drawing. (Note: we have only had to create a waitlist once. This policy has been in place every year but has not been needed yet.)
- October 29      Notification sent to all people who have applied, indicating whether they are accepted or have been put on the wait list.
- November 5      First day to cancel with full refund (less \$15 for retreat expenses).
- December 3      NO REFUNDS after this date. At this point, we are committed to Highlands for the number of rooms and attendees on our contract. You may be able to sell your spot to a person on the wait list – please contact a committee member to do so.

Questions? Contact your friendly retreat committee members –

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