

2023 Winter Bazaar - Member Participation Information

Bazaar Dates

The setup date is Thursday evening November 9th, The Bazaar takes place Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Breakdown is Saturday, between 4:00pm and 4:30pm.

How Are Bazaar Funds Used?

Just a reminder - this is the main fundraiser for our guild.

Funds made from the Winter Bazaar help our guild help to provide a fantastic array of speakers throughout the year. They offset our operating costs, are used to buy quilting supplies for our charity groups, and allow us to provide cash donations to other non-profit organizations. Because TVQG is a non-profit organization we support multiple charities both locally and nationwide. Our quilts go to homeless shelters, hospitals, seniors, hospice care, children in foster care, and families affected by disasters like fire and floods. We support our veterans through our Quilts of Valor efforts. Some of the other nationwide organizations TVQG supports include Project Linus, Days for Girls, and the Red Cross.

Volunteers

We need your help to make it a successful event by volunteering to work the bazaar sales tables in 90 minutes shifts on Friday or Saturday. The Thursday evening before the Bazaar we'll need a setup crew for about an hour, and if working the last half hour on Saturday, will need to help with the breakdown and packing up of unsold items. Of course, your Bazaar Coordinator will be there to assist throughout the setup, the sale, and the breakdown.

Sign-Up Sheet

It would be great if you could support us by working the sale. A sign-up sheet will be distributed asking you to volunteer to help at the sales tables.

What Can I Make

In order to have a sale, what do we need? We need stuff to sell! And that's where we need to also rely on you, our members. All handcrafted items are welcome. Just make something you're comfortable creating and are willing to share with us for the sale. Items don't have to be sewn or fabric-based - some of us like to make jewelry or other craft-type items as well as quilting -- just bring 'em in.

Suggestions

One of the most often asked questions we get is what do I make, or what sells the best? To answer your question -- of course, quilts, because we are a quilt guild, aren't we? Any size quilt is great, but lap, twin, baby, and children-sized quilts seem to be the best sellers. Table runners, especially holiday or seasonal, placemats, napkins, mug rugs, coasters, fabric bowls, pot holders, oven mitts, decorated towels, pillowcases, pin cushions, aprons, children's bibs, wall hangings, decorated bed or sofa pillows, shawls, totes or shopping bags are always great sales items. Other suggestions would be purses, zippered cosmetic or travel bags, shoe covers for packing shoes in a suitcase, storage cases, stuffed children or pet toys, Christmas ornaments, and table covers----OK, by now I think by now you get the picture. Google "Easy to make craft fair items" and you'll get a whole list of suggestions.

Price Tags

One thing we'd like to ask; please help us out by pricing your own items. At upcoming meetings there's will be a supply of printed price tags at the member check-in table - help yourself to what you need. We'll also include price tag sheets in the newsletter, and in a printable format on our website, tualatinvalleyquiltguild.org. We've found from past experience that price tags stay in place better if you use a safety pin to attach them.

How to Get Items to Us

The October 17th General Meeting will be the last meeting to bring in your Bazaar Sales items, but you can bring them to us as late as the evening before the sale, Thursday, November 9th or just drop them off at King City Clubhouse while we're at the setting up the sales tables the mornings of the sale. Carol Springer is personally willing to pick up your item just sent her an email at carol.springer@gmail.com if you'd like her to pick up your creations.

Unsold Items

Any remaining unsold items will be brought to the November 21st General Meeting. Before the meeting starts at 7:00pm makers of any unsold items will have an opportunity to take their creations home. Then during the break, we'll sell any leftover items at a discounted price. Our goal is to not store any unsold items from year to year.