

WHAT IS HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK ?

www.heartlandquiltnetwork.com

1. **WHAT IS HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK?** It is a guild for quilt guilds, professionals, and shops in the heartland area, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.
2. **WHAT ARE THE DUES?** \$20 a year from July to June, or at any time in between.
3. **WHAT DO I GET FOR JOINING THE NETWORK?** You get four quarterly newsletters, access to the website Member's Only section, and attendance at the annual meeting in March or April.
4. **AS A PROFESSIONAL, WHAT ARE MY BENEFITS?** You can list your classes and programs on the website; you can provide a link to your own website; you can present your items at the annual meeting; you can book appearances with the member guilds at the annual meeting; you can list your scheduled appearances on the Network calendar; and you can meet with fellow professionals to discuss common issues.
5. **AS A GUILD, WHAT ARE MY BENEFITS?** You can list your speakers on the Network calendar; you can attend the annual meeting to network with other guilds; you can attend break-out sessions at the annual meeting that help with guild problems; you can book speakers at the annual meeting; you can bring your opportunity quilt to the annual meeting; every person in the guild becomes a member of HQN when the guild joins;
6. **AS A QUILT SHOP, WHAT ARE MY BENEFITS?** You are listed on the website; you can provide a link to your own website; we try to feature a quilt shop in each issue of the newsletter; network with guilds to share speakers.
7. **WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS AT AN ANNUAL MEETING?** The professionals set up tables with displays of their classes and workshops; professionals discuss their classes and workshops; guilds can book professionals during the day; guilds bring their opportunity quilts; sometimes there is a program or a panel discussion; there are break out sessions, one for the professionals and one for the guilds, where current issues and problems are discussed; the important thing is to network with other people and find ways to help your guild or profession.
8. **WHO RUNS THE NETWORK?** The Network is run by a Board of Directors that is elected or has volunteers for a two year time span. The Board elects the officers of the Network. Other than the professionals, these are the only single members that pay dues. This group meets three times a year to discuss Network matters.
9. **WHERE ARE THE ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD?** They have been held so far in Kansas City as it seems to be centrally located.
10. **WHAT IS ON THE WEBSITE?** It has the list of guilds; the list of professionals; a Member's Only section that has information about many issues that face guilds, such as legal issues about copyrighting; a current calendar for professionals and guilds; copies of past newsletters; links to other websites of interest to quilters; and much more.
11. **WHAT IS IN THE NEWSLETTER?** It has information about the Network; articles of interest to quilters; the calendar of speakers for member guilds and professionals; and the times and locations where guilds meet. We try to email it to as many people as possible.