

BYLAWS OF QUILTERS UNLIMITED – SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER

ARTICLE I: NAME

1. The name of this organization shall be Springfield Chapter (the Chapter) of Quilters Unlimited (QU).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND POLICY

1. The purpose of the Springfield Chapter shall be to preserve the tradition, culture and history of quilting, and to promote the knowledge and understanding of the art of quilting through continuing education services for members and public education activities.
2. The policy of this Chapter is to enjoy rather than judge each other's work.
3. This Chapter is a non-profit organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, amended in 1986.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person who is interested in furthering the purpose of QU may become a member upon payment of dues to the Chapter Treasurer.
2. Persons who join this Chapter, including Family, Senior, Life and Associate Members, shall be voting members of QU and of the Springfield Chapter.
3. Membership. Voting members of the Chapter shall consist of two classes: Active and Associate. Active members are those members in good standing who have paid their annual dues to Springfield Chapter. Associate members are those individuals who are active members of another Chapter and who have paid annual fees to this Chapter.
4. Annual Dues. Annual dues are set by the QU Board of Directors and approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the QU Board. One half of this amount shall be retained by the Chapter and one-half remitted to QU. Each member shall pay annual dues. A member is dropped from the roster if dues are not paid by November 1. Associate members shall pay one-half the annual dues paid by Active members and the entire amount shall be retained by the chapter. No payment of dues shall be accepted from new members at the Annual Meeting.
5. After six (6) months from the beginning of the fiscal year, persons or families joining for the first time pay one-half (1/2) the annual dues.
6. Members may receive senior status in the fiscal year following their 65th birthday. The dues for these members shall be half the amount of the annual dues. When senior members reach their 75th birthday, they shall become Life Members and are excused from the payment of dues, effective the start of the following fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

1. The regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held each month on the first and third Tuesdays from September to May inclusive, and at such other dates set by the Chapter Executive Board. One meeting each month, as indicated by the annual program, shall have time allocated for the purpose of discussing business.

