

## **Block Party Quilter Retreats**

**Location:** Seabeck Conference Center, Seabeck, WA 360-830-5010

### **Why would I want to attend a retreat?**

- Great exchange of ideas and techniques
- Lots of time for conversations
- Good food without any cleanup, cooking, or planning
- Much laughter!
- It's a wonderful self-renewal time
- Bunches of time for sewing
- Peaceful vistas on Olympic peninsula at Seabeck
- Plenty of snacks
- New friends and experiences

**How long is a retreat?** Retreaters can choose to stay Thursday through Monday for a 5 day/4 night retreat or can select a 4 day/3 night retreat or a 3 day/2 night retreat - the days are up to the individual's calendar, work and family requirements, and energy level.

**How much does a retreat cost?** Retreat costs are based upon the contract signed with Seabeck for each retreat, please see the main retreat page for the current cost..

**Future Retreat Dates:** . While we are at Seabeck, contracts are signed booking the next retreat – in spring for the next Spring Retreat and in fall for the next Fall Retreat. It's helpful to be made aware of events in the future that might conflict with retreats such as school breaks or quilt shows, etc. If you know of potential conflicts, please let the BPQ board know about them.

Members and non-members can make a \$25 deposit for the current retreat. Private rooms are reserved in the order that deposits are received. There is a non-member fee of \$40 for each retreat attended payable when the full payment fee is due. Members do not pay the non-member fee.

**Deadlines:** Deadlines for final payments will be published for each retreat in our Block Party newsletter – Connections. Those people with deposits on file will also be notified by email for the total amount due. Each retreat deadline will be in response to our Seabeck contract. Once Block Party has met our contractual obligations and if additional rooms available, late sign ups can be accommodated.

**Check In/Check out:** Depending upon the days requested, check in may occur any time AFTER 1:00 pm. on Thursday at the beginning of retreat. Everyone must be checked out by 1:00 pm. on Monday at the end of retreat.

**Arrival:** Most retreaters drop off all sewing equipment and supplies at the Meeting House as soon as they arrive. There is room to park near the door while unloading and

those who are physically challenged may park there while in the Meeting House. After unloading we are asked to park near our housing accommodations for the remainder of the retreat. Most retreaters unload their room stuff when they move their vehicles.

**Housing:** Housing charts are emailed to those people participating in each retreat and they are also posted in the Meeting House upon arrival. Seabeck provides sheets, two blankets, a pillow and pillowcase, towels, a washcloth and small bars of soap. If you would like to bring a quilt for your bed that is always fun, but isn't necessary.

**Meals and Snacks:** Your first meal at Seabeck will be dinner the day you arrive. If you are coming Friday you may arrive as early as you like, but you may want to bring something to eat for lunch or plan to visit the small restaurant across the street from the conference center. The day you depart your last meal will be lunch. If you are leaving Sunday you are welcome to stay as long as you like, but you won't be served dinner.

Meals are served family style in the dining room at 8:00 am., 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm., except Friday, when dinner is served at 6:30 pm. There are refrigerators in the dining room of the Inn and the Meeting House for medications and any food items you might want to bring if you have special needs. Retreaters with food allergies or significant dietary requirements can request special meals, but the coordinator must know this in advance of the retreat. (There is a spot on the final payment form for this information.)

Though the meals are more than adequate, snacking is a fun part of retreat, so we always set up a snack table in the Meeting House. You are welcome to bring whatever you would like to share. In addition there will be coffee, tea, hot water and iced water in the Meeting House throughout the retreat.

**Set up:** Everyone has a 3' x 5' table for themselves. You may add either a small table OR add-on ironing board, no larger than 18"x30". There will be raised cutting tables and large ironing boards with irons set up in the room. You may have a small travel size iron at your table, but no full size or cordless iron. There are plenty of chairs, but you may want to bring your own or a cushion.

**Activities:** On a BPQ retreat at Seabeck all activities are optional. You may choose to participate in introduction, a worship service Sunday morning and periodic stretching exercises though out the weekend.

**Exchange:** There will be a table for the exchange of books, quilting magazines, patterns, sewing notions, fabric etc.

**Questions:** If you have any questions about retreat please contact Charlotte Tucker at [retreat@bpquilters.org](mailto:retreat@bpquilters.org) .

See you in Seabeck soon!

