

Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. Survey: Online Resources and Computer Use
Results

Executive Summary:

On October 8, 2010, a survey of the membership of Q.U.I.L.T., Inc. was conducted to provide feedback on the use of computer resources and to determine the membership's interest in participating in an online group. Sixty-one surveys were completed. The information provided below is a summary of the primary points identified in the responses from the membership. Following this summary, the complete survey and all responses are presented.

The survey results show a majority of those responding (77%) use the computer for quilt related information or activities. For those who answered no, 69% expressed an interest to learn more about online quilting resources.

Online computer related information/activities used in quilting that were most frequently cited by our membership were Newsletters (77%), access guild information (66%), shop for materials (66%) and obtaining free patterns from fabric companies (66%). It is important to note that all items from our list were selected and additional items were identified.

Fifty-eight favorite sites were recommended and more than one member chose some sites. While some sites mentioned had web addresses, many did not. As a result, we added web addresses (URLs) to a majority of those that were lacking. In addition, since many respondents selected 'accessing free patterns from fabric companies' we added links to some fabric companies for the membership to access. Our members also provided additional comments and a number of them were directed on wanting to know more about computer resources and to have help with learning about accessing resources.

To answer the question of whether there was an interest in belonging to a newsgroup for our membership, 17 members responded yes (28%) and 31 (51%) indicated no/undecided.

It is our conclusion that our website [Http://quiltinc.org](http://quiltinc.org) provides substantial information for our members including, but not limited to, our newsletter, links, photo sharing, shows and special events. Our membership has provided us with substantial information that can lead to planning activities for the future. In addition, the results of the survey that follows will also provide for the membership some of the recommended links that may be of interest.

In addition, we make the following recommendations:

- Consider an orientation to the website at a meeting to introduce/reacquaint members to its contents
- Investigate wireless connectivity at the DRC for the purpose of conducting sessions for members
- Propose computer/internet sessions in future planning (tutorials, videos, mini-workshops, etc.)
- Consider adding computer information (short introduction to a site, for example) to a newsletter
- Ask the Board about adding a new Member Suggestions page to the website
- Refer the question of whether to create a newsgroup to the Board for a decision

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The responses to the survey items are noted in **red** next to each question. When a respondent added information, the narrative responses are bulleted in the space below the question. The responses were not edited although some punctuation was added and were not grouped unless the writing was identical. Any underlined emphasis was contained in the writing from the participant.

1. Do you use a computer for any quilting related information or activities?

Yes **47** No **9** Not yet **1**

If you answered Yes, please go to question 3.

2. If you answer No to question 1, are you interested in learning more about online quilting resources?

Yes **13** No **6**

3. Choose as many items from the list below to indicate your use of online computer related information/activities you use in quilting.

Newsletters (i.e. various quilt teachers, shops) **47**

Access Guild information (newsletters, workshop supply lists, etc.) **40**

Shop for quilting materials **40**

Online groups, round robin, or challenges **9**

Read quilter's blogs **10**

Access free patterns from fabric companies **40**

Ask a question related to a technique **14**

Watch techniques or videos (free) **27**

Subscribe to an online quilt show (fee) **5**

Subscribe to an online magazine related to quilting **4**

Use online block or embroidery sites for patterns **20**

Electric Quilt groups (EQ) **5**

Belong to newsgroups or quilt discussions **3**

Take online workshops **4**

Listen to podcasts **3**

Other:

Share information with other quilters through my website

Fabric search

Download computerized quilting designs

Facebook

Knitting patterns

4. From those activities you use most often, please identify your favorite sites and those you would recommend to others in our Guild.

www.keepsakequilting.com (4)

google <http://google.com>

www.connectingthreads.com (5)

www.Quilting.com

www.logcabinfabrics.net/ (4)

<http://gloversvillesewingcenter.com/> (3)

www.quiltinc.org (3)

www.quilterstv.com/ (2)

www.Quiltville.com (3) (scrap quilting - Bonnie Hunter, free patterns, techniques and tutorials)

<http://equilter.com/> (2)

Quilters village www.quiltersvillage.com

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- Quilt in a day.com (2) <http://www.quiltinaday.com/default.asp>
- Fons and Porter.com (5) <http://www.shopfonsandporter.com>
- Quilters cache.com (5) <http://www.quilterscache.com/>
- <http://quiltshops.com/>
- Workshop teacher websites (2)
- Publisher websites of Quilter's Newsletter, Quiltmaker, McCall's Quilting - quilters
 - <http://www.quiltersnewsletter.com/index.html>
 - <http://www.quiltmaker.com/index.html>
 - <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/index.html>
 - <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/magazines/americanpatchworkquilting/index.html>
- www.quiltersvillage.com
- Websites of other guilds - quiltinc.org/links.htm for links to local guilds
- Search for free patterns
- The quiltshow.com (4)
- Marcia Hohn <http://www.quilterscache.com/>
- Flying Geese Quilt Shop (2) www.flyinggeesejournal.blogspot.com
- Quilt Bug <http://www.quiltbug.com/>
- Fabric.com
- Hancock fabric <http://www.hancockfabrics.com/>
- SAQA / <http://www.saqa.com/>
- Primitive Gatherings.us <http://primitivegatherings.us/shop/>
- JoMorton stitchers@yahoo.com
- <http://www.jomortonquilts.com/>
- TheJoyfulQuilter.com (2) <http://www.joyfulquilter.com>
- Yahoo groups
- Quilt University (4)
- Free quilts about.com
- Shabby quilts <http://www.shabbyfabrics.com/>
- Eleanor Burns www.eleanorburns.com/
- Quilters club of America <http://www.quiltersclubofamerica.com>
- QNN tv <http://www.qnntv.com>
- Embroidery (2)
- Free quilt patterns
- Special techniques (free)
- Embroidery library.com
- YouTube for info
- Alicia's Attic.com <http://www.online-quilting.com/>
- Equilter.com
- Caroldoak.com
- EQ newsletter and site <http://www.electricquilt.com/>
- <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/>
- Quilters Newsletter <http://www.quiltersnewsletter.com/index.html>
- Art Quilters Do a google search for art quilts and you will find a number of links to pursue
- Local quilt and fabric merchant's sites - see quiltinc.org/links.htm
- All fabric companies for free patterns - sites were not given by respondents but the following links are a summary of some of those available.
 - Timeless treasures <http://www.ttfabrics.com/patterns/>
 - Moda http://www.unitednotions.com/un_main.nsf/main?openpage be sure to go to

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the bakeshop for some 'recipes' too!

- Benartex <http://www.benartex.com/page/quilting-community-84.htm>
- Troy Corporation <http://www.troy-corp.com/grp/baaaaaa134/cg/002.shtml>
- Robert Kaufman http://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/free/
- RJR fabrics <http://www.rjrfabrics.com/index.cfm>
- Free Spirit <http://freespiritfabric.com/core-pages/patterns.php>
- P & B textiles http://pbtex.com/html/free_patterns.html
- Marcus fabrics <http://www.marcusfabrics.com/makeit/>
- Northcott <http://northcott.net/?sid=3&layout=2col&content=patterns> Note: not all are free patterns
- Windham Fabrics <http://www.windhamfabrics.com/projects/>
- Westminster <http://www.westminsterfabrics.com/pub/designers.jsp> You will find some free patterns under some of the designers
- Hoffman fabrics <http://www.hoffmanfabrics.com/content/content-folder.asp?FolderID=7>
- Fabric.com
- Hancock's of Paducah.com (2) <http://www.hancockfabrics.com/>
- Tennessee quilts.com <http://www.tennesseequilts.com/>
- Beaver Creek Quilt company.com <http://www.beavercreekquiltcompany.com/>
- Zandsfabrics.com <http://www.zandsfabrics.com/>
- Superior threads.com (2) <http://www.superiorthreads.com/>
- Bernina of America.com (2) <http://www.berninausa.com/>

5. There are already many newsgroups available to quilters. Would you be interested in belonging to a newsgroup for members of Q.U.I.L.T., Inc?

Yes 17 No 26 Not sure/maybe/? 5

If so, would you be willing to moderate the newsgroup (basically, to approve new members and remove those who are no longer guild members)?

Yes 2 No 35 If yes, your name Pat Wilcox, Mary Phillips (only if absolutely necessary)

Misc comments: (note we have added some referenced information to our guild website)

- I have an old version of EQ that I haven't really used that much
- A demo of EQ - probably as a workshop - would be interesting. Not familiar with it at all
- Would like to know about these
 - Access free patterns from fabric companies /
 - Ask a question related to a technique
 - Watch techniques or videos (free) /
 - Newsletters - [guild newsletters available to website members - see below](#)
 - Shop for quilting materials
 - Access guild information (newsletters, workshop supply lists, etc.)
 - [Available on http://quiltinc.org](http://quiltinc.org)
 - QUILT Home** - meeting info (including program for current year), contact info
 - Quilt Show 2011** - 2011 show info which I have received to date
 - Other Guild Activities**-recent meetings, service projects, challenge projects, bus trips, general meeting guide, recipes
 - Workshop Information** - Mini-workshop notes; workshop supplies, as available
 - Our Members** - recent member awards; links to member websites
 - Shows and Special Events** - listing of shows and other special events (including member exhibits). as available
 - Links** - shop links, interesting links; other guild links; photo links (some from our meetings, some from shows)
 - Calendar** - guild meeting info for the current guild year.
 - Guild Members Only** - newsletters, guild/board minutes, forms (like Expense forms). Website members also receive emails reminding them of guild meetings and other items which may arise. To become a member, click the link and register with your email address and a password of your choosing.

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[Our Activities](#) - some info about our meetings
[Quilt Show 2009](#) - info from our last quilt show

Listen to podcasts

- I would be willing to help teach others
- Computer usage makes me nauseous, so I don't care
- I would like to know when other groups have openings in their workshops
- Our guild newsletter is excellent
- Just new to quilting
- Local quilt shops - available on <http://quiltinc.org/links.htm>
- Show photos - available on <http://quiltinc.org/links.htm> and on our Show pages
- Travel - finding shops
- The web is a great source for patterns and troubleshooting if you get stuck on something
- I would like to have help (2)

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