

Brandywine Valley Quilters Talking Points
Meeting Location Change
April 2020

Change is hard for me.

We understand that this change is a big one for our members. We have plans to deal with any concerns you might have. Let's talk about your concerns to ensure that we have recognized them and can answer your questions. We will work with you on anything very specific to your needs.

Neumann University is too far for me.

Over 80% of BVQ members live within 12 to 30 minutes of the University. We do realize that this location will result in added travel time for some and lower travel time to others. Thanks to the work of Jennifer Celeste, we were able to use a geo-match map to determine the locations where the greatest number of members resides. Neumann U fell nicely into that cluster.

Why can't we stay at Beth Meth?

Beth Meth contract offer was with their provisions (no storage, the band practice coinciding with our meetings) was not a contract we were willing to sign. They were informed that we would be looking for an alternate location and they were kind enough to allow us to have our meetings on a month to month basis. We have been working with them since last summer to resolve these issues. It is important to the guild to have access to a meeting location monthly in order to continue to gather, to share, to learn, to give back. We are stewards of the guild's funds and are responsible to ensure that the members can meet without disruption.

Why Neumann U?

Neumann is working with us to develop a contract that works for both parties and creates opportunities to expand our partnership with them in mutually advantageous ways. They are interested in bringing local organizations to their campus to interact with student and community populations.

They are interested in adding local "art" to their regular exhibits.

We will be meeting with the President of the University, with the new manager of the school cafe, and with the Director of the Arts Programs to discuss the opportunities for all of us to benefit from this relationship.

They are interested in quilt exhibits regularly scheduled in their calendar.

They are interested in student exposure to our art and participation in sew-ins.

They are interested in their retired religious population on campus interacting with our charity outreach.

They are interested in us holding our pre-meeting dinner with our speaker in their cafe. The café is open to anyone during the school year, so members can grab a snack before the meeting if they so choose.

What advantages do they provide to BVQ?

1. Access to exceptional meeting space which has great lighting, easy access, ample parking, electronic support, and regular meeting setup and cleanup monthly...at no additional cost.
2. Technology support to expand our presentation capabilities to our members at our meetings.
3. Alternative space for our potlucks and other events – an entire other room adjacent to a full kitchen
4. Workshop space for enhanced instruction regularly Sew-in space for more charity sewing opportunities
Potential Quilt Show space for our biennial shows
5. Handicap access
6. Storage for our library, which will make it more accessible to anyone interested
7. Increased visibility for BVQ in our community
8. University Security support - they were very helpful during our visit over the weekend.