

Queen Anne Singles and Friends

Info Line: (206) 282-8143

What is Queen Anne Singles?

Queen Anne Singles is a network of friends rather than a structured club. It was started in 1994 by a few people who wanted to build a sense of community and share a variety of adventures and spontaneous activities. The group now consists of about 60 members, most of whom are over 50.

But I don't live on Queen Anne!

While we originally had a neighborhood focus, we now have members from all over the greater Seattle area. We'd love to have you join us! If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about QAS, leave your name and number on the Info Line. Or come to a few events and see if the group feels right for you.

Who plans activities?

All of us! This is a casual group and everyone is encouraged to participate in whatever way feels comfortable. If you'd like to do something, and you'd like to share it with friends, then sponsor it! All you need do is leave a message on the Info Line. An 'event' can be as simple as a meeting time and place for a hike, a picnic, or a movie.

Some weeks there's 'nothing happening' because no one sponsored anything. That's just the way it works.

Why don't you go ballroom dancing / plan a trip to Victoria / play volleyball / start a meditation group?

What a great idea! Would you like to coordinate it?

My apartment is pretty small...

Events can be restricted to a small number of participants. For example: *This event is limited to 8 people. Call 999-9999 for reservations and directions.* Or consider co-hosting: *I'll be the discussion leader if you'll volunteer your living room.*

Becoming a member:

Attend a few events and see whether the group feels comfortable for you. Then send a \$15 check payable to Q.A.S. to QAS, 808 W. Etruria Street, Seattle, WA 98119. Dues paying members may have their name included on the phone list and receive email notice of events. Occasionally they get priority or discounts at events. Plus, they get to feel good about contributing to the group.

Where does the money go?

Your annual (calendar year) membership contribution pays for the QASF.org website, the Info Line voice mail account, printing (brochures, posters, business cards, etc.), mailing, and miscellaneous club expenses. We don't have a newsletter.

Regular events: (The list is subject to change, so be sure to call for details.)

Saturday breakfast & walk. We meet Saturdays at 9:00 at a restaurant for breakfast, followed by a walk around Green Lake at 11:00. Spontaneous weekend activities are sometimes planned over coffee. If you're not a breakfast eater, you're welcome to join us for coffee and conversation. No reservation is needed. Just come!

Friday morning coffee break. Meet at 10:00 AM at Café Appassionato on upper Queen Anne.

Friday night TGIF. We may go to a movie or dancing afterward. Bring ideas! Location varies. Check the Info Line.

Less regular events:

Sunday planning/social. We meet quarterly in a local restaurant to share ideas for future events and discuss any issues that come up. Optional dinner afterward.

Discussion groups. Location and topics vary. We meet in a volunteer's home, so reservations are sometimes required and members may be given priority.

Come more than once.

Coming to a new group can be intimidating, especially when it looks like everybody there knows everyone else and you're the only newcomer. Sometimes senior members forget to reach out to new people as much as we might like. The cliché about dating someone three times before making up your mind works well for groups too.

Congratulations for having the courage to try something new!

We need your help and enthusiasm!

We can make this group be whatever we want it to be. *Make it work for you.* If we've never done it before, maybe it's time we did! Put out feelers on the voice mail, talk up your ideas, create enthusiasm! The rest of us will thank you for it.

Phone and email lists:

Members of Queen Anne Friends may be included on our telephone and/or email list. The printed phone list is updated approximately bimonthly and is available for members to pick up at some events, or by mail on request. Email notice of events is sent weekly.

Queen Anne Singles and Doubles!

You don't have to leave the group or give up your friends if you begin dating someone. You're both welcome!

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The Info Line is usually recorded on Monday nights but may be updated later in the week for late-breaking events or corrections. Please leave event information on the voice mail by Sunday night. You can press # to leave a message without listening to the recording.

***All of the above is subject to change over time.
Q.A.S. is an experiment, and we're glad you're part of it.
Welcome!***