

Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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Presidents Piece



Calendar

Why do you quilt? Did you learn how from your mother or grandmother when you were a little girl (or boy), or did you teach yourself? Do you like scrappy pieced quilts, appliques quilts, modern geometric quilts, or art quilts? Do you make them for yourself and your family, or do you plan to sell them? There are lots of questions I would like to ask all of you. I'm sure you have lots of interesting stories about quilts you have made, or how you got started, or what you would like to learn how to do. Please consider sharing your stories with us in the newsletter. Send me a short email and tell me your quilting story. I would love to share your stories with other guild members.

I always enjoy my summers in the RGV because we ask our guild members to present the programs during the summer months and we have a lot of talented people in our guild. Our members teach us about lots of different things and we also learn more about them and their interests. So far this summer we have learned to make really cute purses that would make great presents for our friends and family that don't sew, and all about wool and how it's felted and used. I can hardly wait for the next meeting, so I can learn something from Laura Nunn.

The past couple of weeks have been hard ones for me. My husband and I have spent many hours in doctors offices lately, waiting to see the doctor, waiting to get tests done, waiting to find out the results of tests. I'm really tired of waiting! Thank goodness for quilting! It gives me something to do while I wait. I always take something with me to work on so the time passes faster. If I don't take handwork with me, I read (or re-read) the quilt magazines I have on my tablet. The quilting is a wonderful stress reliever and makes the time pass much faster. Maybe I'll try some wool applique while I'm waiting next week

Board Meeting:

June 8, 2016 9:am
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting
School (see p. 2 for info)

Guild Meeting:

June 11, 2016 9:am
Llano Grande Event Center
(see p. 2 for info)

Program: Laura Nunn

Board Meeting:

July 6, 2016 9:am
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting
School

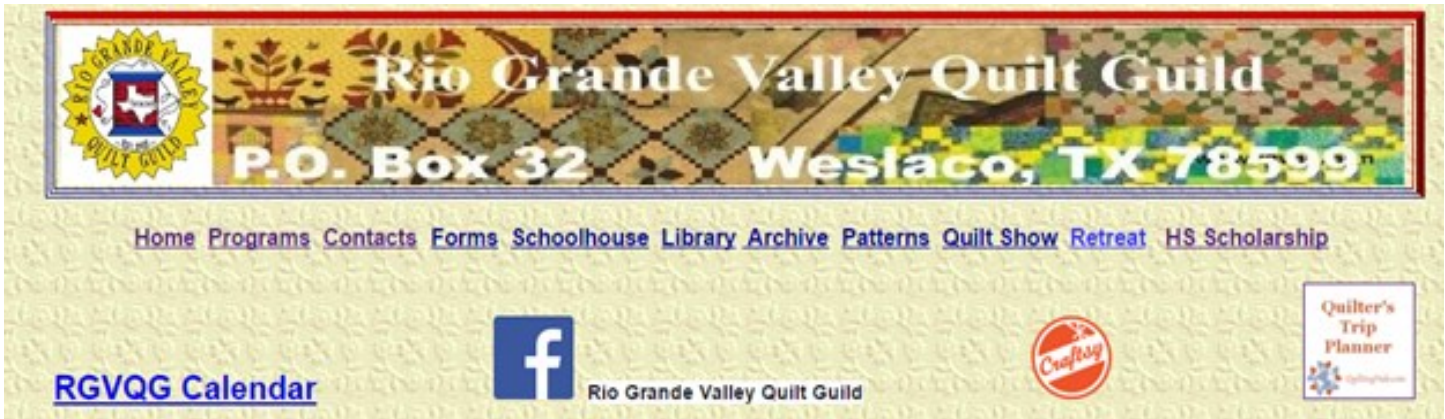
Guild Meeting:

July 9, 2016 9:am
Llano Grande Event Center

Program: Christy Pohler



Up-Dated Front Page



Some exciting new stuff on the home page.

RGVQG Calendar – has information for board meetings, guild meetings, schoolhouse classes, program classes, quilt show related dates.

Facebook – click on the Facebook icon to go to the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild facebook page.

Craftsy – Our guild is now an affiliate of Craftsy. Our guild will receive a percentage of the cost of any Craftsy classes you buy if you click on the Craftsy icon on the rgvqg.com home page. You must use this page and icon for our guild to receive any funds. Going the Craftsy website by any other means will not give our guild credit for the purchase.

Quilter's Trip Planner – Click this icon to go the quiltinghub.com trip planner. This is a nifty little tool to find all the quilt shops in an area or along your route. The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild info is also available on quiltinghub.com

Any questions, please call me.

Bonnie M Hall (webmaster1@rgvqg.com) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

RGV Quilt Guild Meetings

Beginning with the month of May the RGV Quilt Guild meetings will be held at the “Llano Grande Event Center” located on Mile 2 W. Road South in Mercedes. This is approx. one mile south of Business 83 on the right had side of road.

All board meetings are at “Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School” located at 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX
No Quilt Show Committee meetings for summer months

RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, May 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney at 9:03 am at Llano Grande Event Center. A change to the April Minutes was requested by Bonnie Hall in that the Community Service Reports are not posted on the web site as noted in the minutes. Correction made.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$39,905.65 in the checking account.

Membership Report: Bonnie Hall reports we have one new member and two returning members today for a total of 294 members.

Community Service Report: Mary Jo Havertape reports that for April we had 98 items donated for a total of 17,890 hours and a value of \$12,970.25. This report includes 49 Quilts of Valor that have already been given out.

Military Service Report: Mary Jo Havertape reports that 15 quilts were given out to STC Veterans. Mary Jo is looking for volunteers to assist her with this program. Carla reports that the guild received a letter from Katie Baron requesting help with comfort quilts for "Operation Quilt Comfort". These quilts are sent to military injured abroad.

Programs: Jan McCoy reports that Christie Pohler is our guest speaker today on "Wool 101 – a 3D Rosette Broach. Programs for the coming months are listed on the web site. Carla thanked everyone for responding to her question in the newsletter and drew Subie Redd's name. She was given a \$25 gift certificate to a guild class.

Newsletter items are due on the 15th.

Members are encouraged to go to web site for the guild and look up Craftsy to sign up for classes with them. The guild receives a credit for all classes enrolled through this site.

Florea Flores announced that the children's quilting class will be June 14th, 15th and 16th with 20 students. She has received sets obtained at Missouri Star Quilts for these students from an anonymous donor. The sets contain rulers, cutters, mats, fabric etc. and when done can be sent to Missouri Star Quilts for free quilting.

Sunshine & Shadows: Lillian Harbaugh is in hospital with pneumonia, Carol Hover had eye surgery; Renee Darkis's daughter is ill; Pan Storm is recovering from surgery and Subie Redd is recovering as well.

Quilt show: Karon Jacobson reports that two hotels have been contracted for the Quilt Show as follows: Inn at South Padre for \$59.00 a night and LaQuinta for \$69.00 (basic rooms with two queens). She has 8 vendors confirmed so far. She also said that all Wall Hangings, Miniatures could have a 2" sleeve. Karon then showed us the lovely Tote that will be given out as 2nd prize with the Opportunity quilt. She continues to look for a Volunteer Chair and someone to organize Speakers for the Theater during the show.

Hostess: 60 members are present today.

BOM: This month's winner is Chris Cowan. Next month the block is May 1st, Trillium Wreath. The background is to be white on white, the wreath and leaves in green and the flowers in various colors. A gentle reminder, the July BOM is blocks in Red, White and Blue for the Military Quilts...preferably a 12 1/2" unfinished block.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
APRIL 2016	
Balance Forward	\$ 42,146.15
INCOME	Income April 2016
Administration	5
Community Service	
Dues & Subscriptions (Fons & Porter)	
Fat Quarter Raffle	192
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	200
Military Service	
Newsletter	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs	136.14
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House	
Retreat #1 2016	320
Retreat cancellations (refunds)	-320
Retreat #2 2016	
Retreat 2017	
Total Income	\$ 533.14
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	5
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	500
Dues & Subscriptions	
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	510.25
Military Service	228
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Bond Insurance	
Programs, (Bldg use rent)	920.59
Quilter's School House (bldg use rent)	
Retreat #1 2016	
Retreat #2 2016	
Retreat 2017	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	600
Scholarships - (College)	9.8
Sunshine & Shadows	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,773.64
Account Balance Forward	\$ 39,905.65

returned check



Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow - Salute to the Beatles

By Karon Jacobson, 2017 Show Chair

At the first meeting of the 2017 show board we made some decisions that should make the January show fun and address some of the issue that arose at the 2016 show. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Children: First of all, children age 12 and under will get in free, with an adult.

Kids age 13 – 18 are \$5 each.

Volunteers: After more than 20 years, Lucy Klaas is not able to chair the Volunteer effort this year. Thank you for serving so long. So, I need someone willing to organize the volunteers. This person will need to assist in the registration of volunteers, and staff the volunteer table during the two days of the show.

Volunteers will pay half-price, \$5, on the day they work. Also, Volunteer hours will now be 3 hours. This should allow everyone to have the time to enjoy the exhibit and the vendors.

Opportunity Quilt: Jan Baethke, Killer Bees, has the quilt and is to be contacted if your park would like to schedule a date to display the quilt. Her number is in the directory.

Raffle Tickets. Jackie Heyes has the raffle tickets. Members will be given a coupon for each raffle book of six tickets sold for the drawing for a basket put together by Christy Pohler. That drawing will take place at the February meeting.

Miniatures: Voting for the miniatures will take place at the January guild meeting. Pat Skye has agreed to hostess this event again this year.

Registration: All registrations must include a photo. Forms are online. They will include instructions on how to register via email with forms and a picture. You will also be able to register via snail mail (USPS). Mailed registrations must be post marked no later than December 26, 2016. Our last registration date will be January 7, 2017; the location to be determined.

Hanging Quilts & Taking Down Quilts: Michael Hall has volunteered. Thank you, Michael!

Quilted Bazaar /Gallery: The guild made \$62 this year, so we will not have the Bazaar next year. However, we will allow exhibited items to be sold. The guild will receive 10% of the sales price.

Appraiser: No appraiser

Youth: No entry fees will be charged in this category. The entrants must be in school or home schooled and not has graduated from high school. Exhibited items must be quilted.

Hotels: Two hotels have been contracted. The Inn at South Padre - \$59 per night, breakfast included. Mention the RGV Quilt Show to get the special rate. La Quinta - \$69 per night, breakfast included. Tell reservations you are with the RGV Quilt Show and get their special rate.

Speakers: Looking for someone who will arrange speakers, trunk shows, demonstrations, etc. at the show. If you are interested, please contact me.

RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

We now have 296 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. New members have never belonged to our guild before. Returning members were members in the past, but not the prior year. Renewing members were members in the prior year. The following are the memberships received since the newsletter.

Welcome New Members – Sue Ann Crapsey, Renée Bradford.

Welcome back returning members – Judy Meadows, Anna Reed, Cheryl Williams.

Welcome back renewing members – No renewing members for May.

I will not be publishing address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is now available online on the alligator page. You will need a password to open the directory. Please contact me if you want the password for the online directory.

Bonnie M Hall (membership@rgvqg.com) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

Community Service Monthly Report May 2016

Total Number of Items.....147
Total Number of Hours.....764
Total Value.....\$5,539

Donated by:

Killer Bees

Various Guild Members

Joan Taylor

Sue Arnold

Mary Britton

Mary Jo Havertape

Donated to:

Military Service Quilts

Renaissance NICU

Valley Baptist Hospital

Harlingen Cancer Center

RGVQG Kids Quilts

--REMINDER--

QUILT SHOW MINIATURES FOR SILENT AUCTION

Maximum size: 36" x 36"

Techniques: Piecing and paper piecing were the most popular last year. However, other techniques are encouraged, like: applique, fiber art, English paper piecing, hand dyeing, landscapes, portraits, etc.

This is a good opportunity to let your creativity flow!

Other info: Please label your item with your name, item name and technique (if different than piecing).

Prepare back of your item for hanging.

Due: Dec 10 Guild meeting for voting. Jan 27 Quilt Show for Silent Auction. Or anytime before!

These precious items are donated to the Guild to be sold at the RGV Quilt Show in order to raise funds for future shows.

What an amazing show of miniatures! If you don't make miniatures, please come and see what others make.

Working in this category is really a pleasure.
Any questions, please call Pat Skye, 956-202-3778.

Bee News



The Mission Bee; The projects for the last two meetings were 1, A very colorful table cover and #2 a small jewelry bag.

We are getting along with fewer members attending because they are up north having fun with other family.

Michaela Shyne-Kalsow

Seam Rippers sure had fun Last meeting . We used sharpies and alcohol to draw beautiful flowers and a lot more. Here on the left the “Hands Tree” drawn with sharpies and on the right our tree after we used the alcohol. Have a great summer.... Jackie



Military Service Quilts

Military Service Quilts are going to be getting very busy this fall - busier than we've probably ever been; but we are looking forward to it. We have been approached by STC to take part in their Veterans Day program. We will be having a display of military quilts as well as presenting quilts to veterans who are taking classes there. We also want to have input from the guild members as to how they would like to see us distribute other quilts. We are assuming that once other colleges realize that STC is having a special program for veterans that they may also want to jump on board for the veterans taking classes at their educational facilities. We are asking that guild members either email MaryJo Havertape or Deb Blackburn with information as to how to proceed with distribution of quilts. We have been averaging 30 to 35 quilts just from people calling and requesting them for others. We have sent letters to American Legions, VFW Posts, etc. We have thought of contacting police departments, fire departments, Border Patrol divisions to see if they have Veterans they would like to have Quilts presented to since we started that practice at the 2016 quilt show. We want the guild members to tell us how they would like us to proceed with this. Also, guild members need to realize how much work it is for the monthly so in days for the military Quilts MaryJo has to load all the totes into her vehicle unload them at the sewing site load them back up and her vehicle take them back to the storage unit and unload them again this is quite a chore for 1 to 2 people we would like to have volunteers help us with this so please contact either MaryJo Havertape or Deb Blackburn if you are willing to help.

Hi! Its that time of year again.....

To all Members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, please see the emergency box on the web site (www.rgvqg.com) for information on future meetings and classes. The map is in color, and may take some time to download.

Thank you



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