

# Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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## Presidents Piece



As usual, I'm late getting my article to Jackie for this newsletter, but it made me think about our quilt show. Don't forget our show is a month earlier this year, so we all need to plan ahead and get ready early. Quilts need to be registered by early January, so those of you who don't take it down to the valley until after New Years will need to register either by mail or online. It's easy! Just go to the quilt show tab on our webpage and you will find the instructions. If you go there and find out the date of final registration and send me an email with that date, I'll put your name in for a prize. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE HERE TO WIN!**

While you're thinking about the quilt show, think about what you would like to volunteer for during the show. If you volunteer, your ticket will be half price. If you want to volunteer, you can sign up at the guild meeting, call someone to put your name on the list, or just send Karon Jacobson an email and tell what job you would like.

Have you got your hotel reservations yet? A list of hotels with special rates is also on the webpage. Lots of us spent at least one night on South Padre last year and had a blast. Remember slumber parties...not much slumber and lots of giggles. There is a shuttle bus on SPI so you can get around without a car. It stops at the hotels, the convention center, and a few other places around town.

I hope this got you thinking about how much fun is coming your way this winter and making you anxious to get back into the swing of things in South Texas. See you soon!

## Calendar

### Board Meeting:

August 10, 2016 10:am  
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting  
School (see p. 2 for info)

### Guild Meeting:

August 13, 2016 9:am  
Llano Grande Event Center  
(see p. 2 for info)

**Program:** Jan McCoy

### Board Meeting:

September 7, 2016 10:am  
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting  
School (see p. 2 for info)

### Guild Meeting:

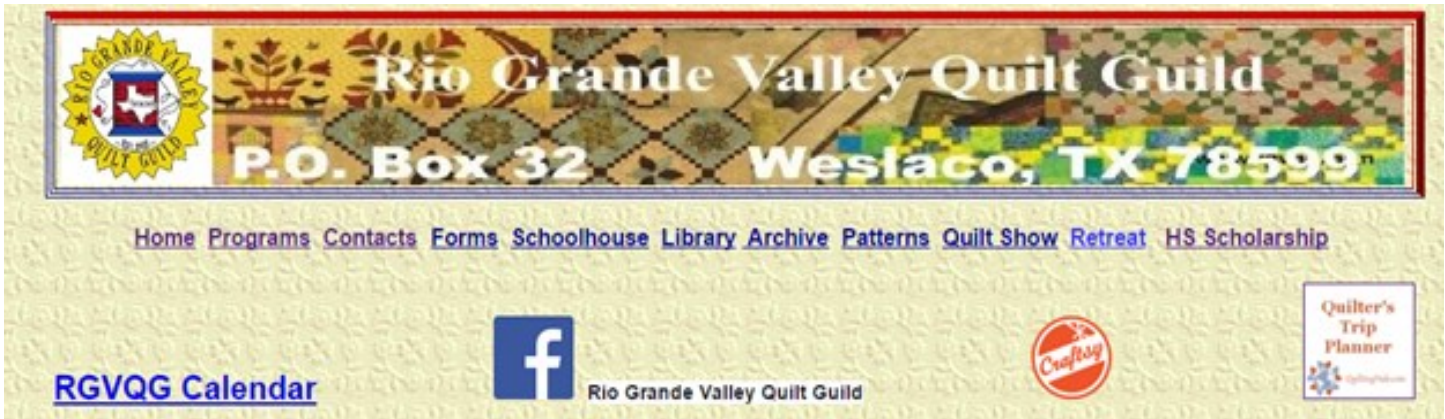
September 10, 2016 9:am  
**Program: Friendship Day**

**10:am— 2:pm**

**Casa Del Sol,  
400 N. Val Verde Rd.  
in Donna, TX**



# 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 Summer 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, July 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney, President at 9:03 am.

**Secretary Report:** There being no additions, corrections or deletions the report was adopted as posted in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance in the Checking account is \$35,058.69. The account at Compass Bank was closed and a new account was opened at Bank of America. The Board members are currently working on the budget for 2016-2017.

**Membership Report:** Bonnie Hall reports we have 300 members, two new in June and two this month.

**Community Service:** In June there was 81 items donated for a total of 254 hours and a value of \$1,841.50.

**Military Service:** There are approx. 100 tops that need to be bundled with backing and backing to send to the quilters. With this in mind, Mary Jo Havertape and Bonnie Cassidy will be at the clubhouse in Rio Valley estates on Westgate in Weslaco from 9 am to 1 pm Monday thru Thursday and would like volunteers to come and help sew backing and bundle. Please bring sewing machine to help with backings. We are also asking for donations of money or 3 yds of fabric as the guild is running out of fabric to make tops. Christie Pohler will check on costs of fabric by the bolt

**Programs:** Jan McCoy stated that she needs participants for Sue Nichols machine appliqué class and also for the class in December. For a list of the classes and Instructors please see the web site.

**Sunshine & Shadows:** Pat Brothers had surgery, Jan McCoy will have hand surgery on Monday, Sandy Bagot will have hip surgery on the 15th, Kathy Letoule has broken her ankle, Pat Cooper's mother has had a bad fall, and Renee Darks' husband is having some medical issues.

**Hostess:** 48 members present today with 3 guests, 2 of whom became members.

**Newsletter:** News is due the 15th of the month.

**Quilt Show:** Tickets are available as are show pins. Volunteers will only pay \$5/day for each day they volunteer. When they volunteer they will be given a card entitling them to the discount. The youth who participated in the Sew Days for Quilts and Totes will be eligible to enter the show. (Approx. 20 girls of all ages and their parents, aunts etc. participated. These youth and their mothers will be invited to come to Friendship Day. There are now 3 completed Dolphin Duds, thanks a bunch. Last but not least, Volunteer sign up sheets are available today.

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**Library:** Several books have recently been returned with damage (ie) pages missing, CD's missing. Please do not tear pages from books, copy the pages you want. Also, all patterns and books that have been deemed out of date will be sold at the garage sale in October.

**Block of Month:** 31 blocks were donated today to the Military Quilt program. August block will be October 25th – Square and Star. Colors to be as follows:

a floral design of several colors and use coordinating colors for the rest of the block. Laurel Powell has the book “Quilters Block a Day” Calendar for those who want one. Chris Cowan showed her top made from the May BOM.

**New Business:** President, Carla Mewhinney discussed all the problems we have been having with the PA systems and reported that the Board had approved purchase of a portable speaker system and microphone for use by the guild at all functions. Also, to be purchased are 6 Walkie Talkies for use at the Quilt Show to improve communications between the rooms etc.

Carla asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. The offices of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer are up for election as well as an opening for 3rd Vice President due to the resignation of Jan McCoy for personal reasons.

Carla also asked for volunteers to serve on the By-Laws Committee as they need to be updated/revised.

Judi Swanda has a table presenting her class at Houston Quilt Show last year on Crazy Quilt Embellishments.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

## Military Service Quilts

A co-chair(s) is needed for the Military Service Quilts (MSQ) program. Due to a variety of reasons, Mary Jo Havertape will be stepping down effective December 31, 2016. Deb Blackbourn still wants to continue and a co-chair(s) is/are requested. The MSQ sewing days are fun & very successful with many members (& nonmembers) showing up & creating quilt tops. The camaraderie on those days is awesome! Those days have been great with members getting to know each other better. The MSQ gives RGVQG the opportunity to be recognized as a positive influence in the Valley.

The rewards of presenting quilts to Veterans or Active-Duty Military are immeasurable! If you want to be an integral part of this wonderful experience & enjoy getting to know others in the community,

please contact Deb Blackbourn at [deborahblackbourn@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahblackbourn@yahoo.com) or 608-485-0815.

I'm looking forward to volunteering with you!

Deb Blackbourn

# RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

We now have 300 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** – Fran Mansfield, Marty Morrison, Bette Wessel, Cindy Young.

**Welcome back returning members** – No returning members for June and July.

**Welcome back renewing members** – No renewing members for June and July.

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](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com)) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

## Military Quilt up-date

Mary Jo wants to let everyone know that the tops are all bundled thanks to a great group of members who attended the work days. We did a great job!!!

Thanks - Mary Jo

# Friendship Day

¡Hola amigos!

Yes! Friendship Day for the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild will be here soon. You and your guests can enjoy fun and fellowship with other quilters on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at Casa Del Sol, 400 N. Val Verde Rd. in Donna TX from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please sign up at the next guild meeting to bring a salad or dessert. If your food needs to be refrigerated, please bring it in a cooler or with ice packs as the refrigerator space is limited (nobody deserves food poisoning).

We will be getting acquainted and playing games until lunch is served. Table service and beverages will be provided by the guild. After lunch you can choose from several projects taught and demonstrated by your guild friends.

What should you bring?

- 1) Your friendliest smile and your guests
- 2) Your food (If it's good and you are willing to share, please bring a recipe.)
- 3) A needle and neutral thread
- 4) Small scissors
- 5) 3 2.5" WOF strips for a game of Left/Right/Center
- 6) Several dollar bills to pay for your project kits.
- 7) A bag for all your goodies.

Contact Barbara Kissler (308) 520-5743 if you miss sign-up or have questions.



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](http://www.rgvqg.com)) for information on future meetings and classes. The map is in color, and may take some time to download.

Thank you



# Finance Report

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
JUNE 2016	
Balance Forward	\$ 37,686.62
<b>INCOME</b>	
	Income June 2016
Administration	
Community Service	
Dues & Subscriptions (Fons & Porter)	
Fat Quarter Raffle	61
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	25
Military Service	
Newsletter	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs	780.04
Quilt Show (50% of storage unit rental)	
Quilter's School House	
Retreat #1 2016	
Retreat cancellations (refunds)	
Retreat #2 2016	
Retreat 2017	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 866.04</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration, Gift Certificate	1202.38
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	
Dues & Subscriptions	
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	
Military Service	
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Bond Insurance	
Programs, (Bldg use rent)	150
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)	
Scholarships - (College)	2000
Sunshine & Shadows	
Bee Keeper	141.59
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,493.97</b>
<b>Account Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$ 35,058.69</b>

# Community Service Report for May and June 2016

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

Total items.....81  
Total hours.....254  
Total value.....\$1,841.50

Donated to:

Military Service Quilts  
Renaissance NICU  
Valley Baptist Hospital  
Harlingen Cancer Center  
RGVQG Kids Quilts

Donated to:

Brownsville Rainbow Room  
Harlingen Cancer Ctr

Donated by:

Killer Bees

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Killer Bees  
Various Guild Members  
Joan Taylor  
Sue Arnold  
Mary Britton  
Mary Jo Havertape

## From the librarian

Dear Guild members,

Recently, some books have been returned to the library damaged. They have pages & DVD's missing. The RGVQG library is for all members, and we must all be responsible.

- 1) RETURN your books on time & in perfect condition. DON'T tear pages out.
- 2) Before you leave to go up north, return your books. DON'T take them with you. DON'T leave them locked up in your local home. Others members want to read them over the summer.

If books are damaged or lost, you will be responsible for the cost of the books.

Vicki Guerra, librarian.



# Opp. Quilt Raffle Basket

For those who have already sold tickets for the opportunity quilt and those who are just starting, we are working on an amazing prize for the winner of the opportunity quilt raffle basket after the 2017 quilt show.

This basket will be full of unique quilting and needle arts tools and supplies as well as gift cards. We have already received donations from Wimberley Stitch Studio, Moda (United Notions) and more distributors and designers have products on the way. Each month as more items come in we will be updating the list to keep you all excited and selling more tickets!

For each booklet of tickets sold, your name will be put into the pot for the drawing after the quilt show. This is a unique opportunity to raise funds for the quilt show/guild and to enter a chance to win some awesome prizes, tools and gift cards.

Opp. Quilt Raffle Basket:

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1. Wimberley Stitch Studio: \$25 Gift card + FREE SHIPPING (+/- \$35 Value)
2. Moda (United Notions) via Kelly Griffin: Charm Packs from various designers plus quilting and needle arts books. (Value TBD)
3. Cut Craft Mom: Split "Purse-onality" & "Drawn Together" Tote Bag Patterns (+/- \$20 Value)

We will keep you updated as more products come in! Get your Opportunity Quilt Tickets at the next meeting!



## Patchwork Pig Quilts

Thank you for contacting Patchwork Pig.

Please visit us at [www.PatchworkPigQuilts.com](http://www.PatchworkPigQuilts.com)

or [Facebook.com/PatchworkPigQuilt](https://www.facebook.com/PatchworkPigQuilt)

# A NEW BEE RISING

WHO: RGVQG MEMBERS  
WHAT: A NEW QUILT BEE IN THE RGV  
WHEN: TO BE DETERMINED BY THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING  
WHERE: ST PETER & ST PAUL ESPICOPAL CHURCH  
CORNER OF 495 & STEWART RD, MISSION, TEXAS  
WHY: JUST CAUSE!!!!!!!!!!  
CONTACT: RICK & SUBIE REDD VIA E-MAIL AT  
RREDD2@RGV.RR.COM (PERFERRED)  
OR PHONE 956-581-6588 (LEAVE MSG)  
PLEASE GIVE US YOUR CONTACT INFO AND WE WILL LET EVERYONE INTERESTED KNOW  
WHATS GOING ON  
  
HAPPY QUILTING

## Question ?

Hi, Jackie. Could you please ask in your newsletter who has EQ7 or who is interested in taking a class in EQ7? It is a quilt design software program that a quilter can use to design their own blocks and quilts. I need to know how many people would be interested in a program on how to use EQ7. (Stands for Electric Quilt version 7)

Thanks,

Jan McCoy  
214-923-5613

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