

Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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Presidents Piece

Calendar



I was so excited to go to Houston for the International Quilt Festival this year. I had never been before, so it was an overwhelming experience. I guess I expected the quilts to be orders of magnitude better than we mere mortals can make. Boy, was I wrong! There were lots of beautiful quilts there, but none were better than we have in our quilt show every year. The art quilts were amazing, with lots of thread painting, and special effects done with stitching, paints and fabrics. The more traditional quilts were also outstanding. There were lots of Double Wedding Ring quilts, Judy Niemeyer patterns, Karen Stone patterns, and beautiful applique quilts. But! We have quilts of equal beauty and technical skill in our show. It made me really proud to be associated with such talented quilters. We should consider trying to get some of our quilts into the Houston show.

I also took a class there and had a great instructor, but when I was looking in the catalogue for a class to take, I was surprised at how many of the instructors at Houston had also been to our guild. We really do get the best of the best instructors here, and at a greatly reduced price. The same classes we offer for \$45 were about \$135 in Houston. So please take advantage of the opportunity to take a course from the guild and save some money.

On a slightly different subject, I am interested in what kind of classes, or instructors, you would like the guild to have in the future. We try to book our instructors at least a year in advance, so if there is something, or someone, you would like us to try to bring for a class and program, please let me or Judy Brown (our new Program Chairperson) know. I would like another class in long-arm quilting, how about you? Hope we'll see you next month. Don't forget registration for our quilt show needs to be done by the first week in January.



Board Meeting:

December 7, 2016 9:am
Quilt Show Committees
1 pm Board meeting
board meetings are at Renee's

Guild Meeting:

December 10, 2016 9:am
STC Weslaco
Program: Linda Halpin Hints,
Tips and Other Things You
Wish You Knew .
2 classes

Spot On, December 8, 16
Tinker Toys Dec. 9, 16

See page 3 for class info

Board Meeting:

January 11, 2017 9:am
Quilt Show Committees,
1 pm Board meeting
Program January 14, 2017
Nova Montgomery
Friday, January 13, 2017
Class - Singer Featherweight
Maintenance
All classes are at "Renee's"

2017 Guild Meeting Location
See webpage for
further info



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Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild



Rio Grande Valley 2017 Quilt Show 2017 Opportunity (Raffle) Quilt



Calendar 2016

Guild Meeting:
Saturday, November 12, 2016 9:00am - 12:00pm
Program Speaker
Susan Nickels
Machine Quilting for Today's Quilts

STC in Weslaco
400 N. Border, Weslaco, TX 78596
Building G, Room 191
Parking Lot #1

Home page –

October's newsletter had some info about the **Home** page. Here is some more.

Scroll down right – as you scroll down the page, on the right, you will see calendar information about the next meetings. This info is for the Guild meeting; Program Class(s) (taught by national quilters); Schoolhouse Class(s) (taught by guild members); and board meetings (both Guild and Quilt Show).

Keep scrolling. You will see info about Military Service Quilts with a link to a nomination form.

Scroll down left – as you scroll down the page, on the left, you will see info related to our quilt show.

Keep scrolling for info on membership, Patches & Snatches (newsletter), Retreat, Miniatures & Small Wall Hangings.

Keep scrolling. There are links to other quilt guilds. There is also a link, at the very bottom, to send questions, concerns, or anything else related to our guild and it's website.

This is just a small bit of what's available on our website, rgvqg.com. Watch for more info in next month's newsletter.

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

2016 Programs

December 10, 2016 - Linda Halpin

I was fortunate to grow up with a mom who does all kinds of needle arts. I began sewing doll clothes at the age of 6, graduating later to making all of my own clothing. By the time I discovered quilting years later, I had a healthy supply of scraps just waiting to become quilts. Combining that with my love of puzzles made quilting a natural.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 , 9am - 4pm



Class - Spot On Curves, ever so enticing, can be tricky to piece.

Welcome to Spot On, where curves are created in a whole new way!

There is not one single curved pieced seam in this quilt.

Try my revolutionary way to create curves that can be done in half the time of traditional piecing and is much more accurate!

Give it a try. I think you will love my new method for doing curves as much as I do!



Friday, December 9, 2016 , 9am - 4pm

Class - Tinker Toys Creating a scrap quilt is tons of fun. Tinker Toys is just one of the many possibilities of what can come out of strips of fabric. Class starts with how to choose and combine fabrics, giving valuable fabric selection skills that can apply to your future quilt making projects.

All classes are at Renee's

"Renee's" Fiber Art Quilting School, 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX

2017 Programs



Nova Montgomery

Nova is a quilter and quilt historian who began quilting in 1980. Teaching since 2003, she has developed a reputation for engaging students in active learning and giving individual attention to her students as she travels and teaches nationally.

Her specialty is the Singer Featherweight 221 sewing machine and she teaches a highly acclaimed Featherweight Maintenance Workshop. She has authored an article on Singer Featherweights for The American Quilter.

Friday, January 13, 2017 - 9am - 4pm

Class - Singer Featherweight 221 Maintenance Class

"Renee's" Fiber Art Quilting School, 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX ,



RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, November 2016

RGVQG General Meeting – November 12th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney, President, at 9:03 am.
Carla began the meeting by asking all Veterans to stand and be recognized for their service.

Secretary Report: There being no additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes as posted in the newsletter they were adopted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Karon Jacobson reported that there was \$6205.70 in the checking account.

Membership: Bonnie Hall reported that there were 69 renewals today with 4 new members. She explained about the guild website and gave out the password to everyone (not posted here on purpose).

Community Service: Mary Jo Havertape reported that she had been out of town and would have an up to date report at the next meeting.

Programs : Jan McCoy informed the Board that Sue Nichols has had to cancel her classes and presentation this month due to a family illness. Please check the web site for our guests in the coming months. Judy Brown advised that she had spoken with several potential Instructors/speakers over the summer and at the Houston Quilt Show. We (the guild) still need volunteers to assist with Instructors from out of town.

Schoolhouse: Karen Dill reported that she still had room in her classes and encouraged everyone to sign up. See web site for class listings.

Hostess: Renee Darkis reported that there were 116 members and 10 were either new or guests today.

Sunshine & Shadows: The following members are having health issues: Nila Layman, Karen Hazlett and Donna Brown. Past member Georgia Huffman's daughter passed away (she was awaiting lung transplant). Our thoughts and prayers go out to all.

Military Quilts: Deb Blackburn reports that 25 quilts were given to Veterans at STC, 2 at Alamo Country Club and 2 at Winter Ranch during this Veterans Day week. There are three tentative sew dates set up for this winter, one at Trophy Gardens, Winter Ranch and Greengate. Watch the newsletter for dates please.

Newsletter news is due the 15th to Jackie Heyes.

Block of the Month for December will be July 30th in the calendar. The name is "Thrifty". Colors are reds/greens and white. This is a 6 ½" block.

Retreat: Karen Heaney reports that both retreats are full but she has a waiting list and it is quite possible that those on the list could get to go to retreat due to cancellations. Friendship Day Retreat is March 13th-17th and Bluebonnet Retreat is March 19th thru 23rd.

Library: Vicki Guerra reports that Kathy Dunning has agreed to be her assistant and that she has multiple new books.

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RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, November 2016

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Quilt Show: Tickets are available for the show now. Volunteers are requested to sign up today and they will get in to the Show for \$5 for every day they volunteer. The Boutique needs items to sell at show. Opportunity Tickets are available with Jackie Heyes. Challenge Quilts must be registered for the show and will be voted on then. Theme this year is "Salute to the Beatles". Pat Skye is accepting miniatures for the Silent Auction. Remember These quilts will not be given back. If you have a Miniature you want back, please register it for the show. Registration dates are on the web site calendar. Lila Helms is willing to come to your park if you have several, or you can register by mail or e-mail. If you wish to sell your quilts you must register and hang them in the show but it will be noted that it is for sale and how much. 10% of the sale will go to the guild. Dolphin Duds need to be turned in by December meeting. They will be put on the dolphins the first of January in Port Isabel. There will be a fashion show again this year, so get your wearables Registered.

General Business: November is our election of new Officers: Positions to be voted on are 1st VP; 2nd VP and Treasurer: Nominations for 1st VP are Bonnie Hall; 2nd VP Rick Redd and Treasurer Karon Jacobson. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion made by Renee Darkis to close the voting and seconded by Karen Dill. Voting was taken by show of hands of members and they were all voted in by majority.

Two very serious problems were brought up. First problem is that we do not have a Quilt Show chair for 2018, nor do we have an Opportunity Quilt. Carla asked if there was anyone willing to donate a quilt that they please contact her. The second problem is that we can only meet at STC thru December. January will be at Mary Hoag School on 1015 North in Weslaco but February and March we are still looking for a location. The biggest problem is that we have a large group and most places cannot accommodate us. Please be thinking of a new location and advice Carla or Karon.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary

Beekeepers

The Beekeepers are setting up visits to all the RGVQG bees and would love to schedule a visit with your bee. Please contact beekeeper@rgvqg.com and let us know what dates would be convenient for you. We would love to feature your bee in an upcoming newsletter. Thank you, Judy Brown

RETREAT 2017

I can not believe it is time to be thinking about the upcoming retreats in 2017.

Just want to remind the Friendship Star Retreaters that their retreat must be paid in full by the January 14, 2017 guild meeting. Full refunds will be given up to February 21, 2017 for the Friendship Star participants.

The Bluebonnet Friends Retreat must be paid in full at the February 11, 2017 guild meeting. The last day for a full refund is February 28, 2017 for this retreat.

I strongly encourage all who owe their retreat fees to mail them directly to me. It will save you the hassle of standing in lines at the meetings. Please make the checks out to me.

If you need to know how much you owe or have any other questions, please feel free to contact me. My info is in the guild directory.

Looking forward to another fun filled time in New Braunsfel at the tennis ranch.

At this time both retreats are full. However if you are interested in going to retreat, there is a waiting list for each retreat that you can add your name to. Sometimes life gets in the way and someone must cancel. The last few years I have exhausted the waiting lists that I had.

Karyn Heaney
Sent from my iPad



For more information about the things mentioned in the newsletter that you may have a question about, look on our web page, rgvqg.com or rgvqg.com/alligator

Community Service Report for August 2016

Report for August 2016

Total items 530
 Total hours 1,338
 Total value
\$9,777.50

Donated to:

Lower Valley Rainbow Room, Inc.
 Edinburg Pediatric Oncology
 Mission Hospital Nursey
 Texas Family Services
 Mujeres Unidas

Donated by:

Killer Bees
 Joan Taylor
 Dawn Sanders
 Mary Jo Havertape
 Bonnie Cassidy
 Judy Meadows
 HVR Quilters
 Diane Tewell



September was our Friendship Day there was not a business meeting, no items were turned in.



Report for October 2016

Total items 94
 Total hours 486
 Total value\$3,523.50

Donated to:

Lower Valley Rainbow Room, Inc.
 Mission Hospital Nursery
 Goodwill Ind.
 Harmony Health Care

Donated by:

Killer Bees
 Dawn Sanders
 Lynne Benson
 Kathy Dunning

Report for November 2016

Total items 367
 Total hours 4023
 Total value\$29,166.75

Donated to:

Lower Valley Rainbow Room, Inc.
 Mission Hospital Nursery
 Renaissance Neonatal Unit
 Sacred Heart Refuge Ctr
 Military Service Quilts

Donated by:

Killer Bees
 Dawn Sanders
 Various Members of RGVQG
 Joan Taylor/Glenda Davis/Janice Teppo
 Hidden Valley Ranch Quilters

MILITARY SERVICE QUILTS

Laura Nunn & Deb Blackburn were kept busy the week of Veterans Day. On Tuesday, 26 quilts were presented to Veterans living in the Valley. South Texas College partnered with us to accomplish this. On Wednesday, two Veterans received quilts at Alamo Country Club. On Friday, two Veterans at Winter Ranch were surprised by the presentation of quilts to them. Friday, November 18, South Texas College is having a Veterans Informational Expo & we have been invited to participate.

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild & Military Service Quilts will each have a booth at the Christmas Market on South Padre Island at the Convention Center Friday, December 2, & Saturday, December 3. We need volunteers to help work the booths! If you can spare a few hours, please contact Deb Blackburn at 608-485-0815 or deborahblackbourn@yahoo.com.

If you can work, please advise what time you would prefer. Friday's hours are 9:00am-5:00pm & Saturday's hours are 9:00am-4:00pm. You could do some shopping either before or after your shift! Or, maybe you can plan a nice lunch or dinner with your husband (there are things on the Island he can keep busy with while you are working)!

We are working on Sew Days for the Military Service Quilts. Watch the website for more information. Meanwhile, keep sewing!

Blessings, Deb

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RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

I am now accepting membership dues for 2017. I only need a membership form if you are a new member, a returning member or a renewing member whose information (address phone email) has changed. The membership form is available on the forms page of our website, rgvqg.com. Please fill out the form online, then print and bring with you.

Renewing members without changes do NOT need to fill out the membership form.

We now have 315 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 last newsletter.

Welcome New Members – Peggy Barrow, Anita Bridges, Mary Camp, MaryAnne Fay, Nyla Gordon, Dorothea Hubbell, Karol Lippert, Joan Ploeg, Charlotte Vescova.

Welcome back returning members – No returning members for November.

Welcome back renewing members – Sue Arnold, Lynne Benson, Ann Bergan, Deb Blackburn, Arleen Boman, Beth Braun, Donna Brown, Nancy Bush, Bonnie Chambers, Jean Cline, Pat Cooper, Jo Corey, Chris Cowan, Sue Ann Crapsey, Sharon Crosswhite, Glenda Davis, Terry Davis, Michele Dextras, Karen Dill, Kathy Dunning, Patti Dybdall, Evelyn Fincher, Karen Forbes, Linda M Gainforth, Linda Garcia, Ellie Gardhouse, Marilyn Garnett, Alice Gibson, Linda A Haderer, Linda Happ, Ella Hendrix, Deb Henneman, Diane Hines, Lillian Hollabaugh, Jackie Hood, Jeanne Huff, Karon Jacobson, Ellen Kizzar, Karen Knowlton, Beverly Kramer, Alannah Langlois, Kathe Letulle, Pam Liston, Donna Lovdahl, Linda Mahoney, Marilynne Martin, Karen (Kitty) Massie, Paula McCutchan, Judy Meadows, Viola Mikula, Elaine Muzichuk, Jean Nickila, Shirley Nygren, Laurel M Oestreich, Joyce Osborn, Linda Osborne, Renee Pageau, Joy Paugh, Janette Perkins, Lynda Perlick, Jeanne Peterson, Robbie Pettapiece, Anne Renkly, Clarice Rylander, Karen Samuels, Dawn Sanders, Marsha Santow, Claudette Shafer, Sherry Skridulis, Patricia Sonnevil, Judi Swanda, Sharon Swanson, Joan Taylor, Debra "Debi" Warner, Carol White, Judy Sprague White, Priscilla Wodzinski, Joyce Yazel.

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)

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
OCTOBER 2016	
Balance Forward	\$8,183.78
INCOME	Income October 2016
Administration	
Community Service	
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Guests & Fines	
Library	111.75
Membership	725
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs (fees)	561.75
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House (fees)	
Retreat - Bluebonnet	
Retreat cancellations (refunds)	
Retreat - Friendship Star	
Retreat 2018	
Total Income	\$ 1,398.50
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	118.35
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	770.11
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Friendship Day	-192.55
Guests & Fines	
Library	135.18
Membership	
Military Service quilts	
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	676
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	
Retreat - Bluebonnet	
Retreat - Friendship Star	
Retreat 2018	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	1800
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	69.49
Sunshine & Shadows	
Total Expenses	\$ 3,376.58
Account Balance Forward	\$ 6,205.70



Quilt Show

January 27-28, 2017

Get your Opportunity Quilt Tickets. Each book sold earns you a chance to win the gift basket, a \$75 value.

Have you made your hotel reservations yet? If not, your opportunity to get the special rates is running out. We have contracted with The Inn at South Padre, La Quinta, and La Copa for the show. The rates are only good until December 15th. If you call and they tell you the block of rooms are full, please call me and I will see if I can get additional rooms open. Don't wait too long to get your reservations.

Register your quilts with Lila Helm. The forms are on our website. Complete the form, take a picture of your quilt, and send them and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Lila. She will return your number in the envelope you provided. Don't want to deal with "snail mail," you can go to any of the parks which have already scheduled registration dates and times. They are listed on the calendar on the RGVQG.com website. Would you like to hold a quilt registration event at your park? Please contact Lila to schedule. **Final quilt registration: January 7, 2017 9 am – Noon. Grace Episcopal Church; 700 S Missouri Ave; Weslaco, TX.**

Miniatures are beginning to come in. Miniatures can be no larger than 144 inches around. Pat Skye is taking miniatures at the guild meetings. Voting for your favorite miniature will be at the January guild meeting. Cash prizes for the top three miniatures.

Volunteers are needed! Please volunteer to assist at the show. Not only are you helping, your admission is only \$5.



On December 2 and 3 we will be featured at the Christmas Market on South Padre Island, Convention Center. We will have booths for both the Opportunity Quilt and Military Service Quilts. I'm looking for a couple of volunteers to help at the booths. Hours are 9 am – 5pm on Friday and 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday.

The Opportunity Quilt sales are beginning to pick up. For each book you sell you will receive a white ticket from Jackie Heyes. The drawing for the gift basket, a \$75 value, will be held at the February guild meeting. The more books you sell, the more opportunities you have to win the basket. The Boutique is looking for items to sell. Mi is looking for pin cushions, phone carriers, purses, wallets, etc. She's taking any small to medium sized item you would like to donate. All proceeds will go to the Guild. Bring your items to the Guild meeting.

Do you want to sell your quilt or quilted items at the show? To do so, your item (s) must be registered and shown at the show. There is an additional form to complete that will allow us to sell your item. Ten percent of the sale

price goes to the guild. If you have any questions, get in touch with me.

Happy Thanksgiving

Karon Jacobson, Show chair

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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