

# Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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February 2017

## Presidents Piece

I want to congratulate everyone who worked on the quilt show for a job well done! Without everyone working together, we wouldn't be nearly as successful in putting on a great show. These thanks include those of you who made the beautiful quilts. I'm always amazed by how many talented people belong to our guild. We received high praise from one of our vendors who told me that AQS should take lessons from us on how to run a show.

Now it's time to think about our future. Time seems to be moving faster every year and every year we have more demands on our time. The same thing is true for the guild. I know I spend a lot (you all probably think too much) of my time asking for volunteers to do various guild jobs. This month is no different. The guild needs it's members to work on the various committees and lead programs that benefit us all. If you enjoy coming to guild meetings and taking classes, you should consider volunteering for one of our jobs. Working for the guild gives you a chance to meet and work with great people who share your interests. Most of the jobs require only minimal time and some give you the first chance at signing up for popular classes or guiding the direction our guild goes in the future. We currently need someone to be the quilt show chairman for 2019 and for 2020. By volunteering now, you get a chance to shadow the current chairman, get to know the people on the quilt show committee, and meet the people we do business with during our shows. We also need someone to chair our Friendship Day. Barbara Kissler has already done a lot of the work, but is not going to be here for this year's Friendship Day. She will be happy to share her planning with who ever takes over from her. If you are interested in any of these jobs, please give me a call. I'll be happy to answer questions and talk about what the job entails. None of these jobs is hard, because you will have plenty of people who can help you.



## Calendar

**Board Meeting: March 1, 2017**

1pm all meetings are at  
"Renee's"

1623 N Tower Rd

**Guild Meeting: March 11, 2017**

Med High located

700 Med High Dr, Mercedes

Program: Judy Steward will be teaching free motion quilting on your home machine (on March 8 and 10) and painting fabric (on March 9.)

All classes are at "Renee's"

**Board Meeting: April 5, 2017**

9am all meetings are at  
Renee's

1623 N Tower Rd

**Guild Meeting: April 8, 2017**

Llano Grande Event Center

Program: Jean Waufile will share with us her long arm quilting

All classes are at "Renee's"

1623 N Tower Rd



# RGVQG General Meeting - February 2017

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney, President, at 9 am at the South High School for Health Professionals in Mercedes, Texas. The March 11 meeting will also be at this location.

**Secretary's minutes** from the January meeting were adopted as published on the Web with no additions or corrections made.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karon Jacobson reported \$6,569.39 in the checking account and more than \$50,000 in savings. She stated that the 2016 Guild taxes are filed.

**Membership:** Carla announced that members whose names were in red on the sign in sheet need to pay their dues today in order for their names to be in today's drawing for the National Quilt Show scholarship awards.

Bonnie Hall reported 273 members currently in the Guild including 3 new members. She stated that she is also the Guild Webmaster, reviewed access information and said those needing assistance with the rgvqg.com website and its navigation can call her. New members and those renewing their membership may pick up their cards at the March meeting.

**Hostess** Renee Darkis reported 180 members and 4 guests present.

**Community Service:** In 2016 Guild members donated 4,296 items and 26,886 hours with a donation value of \$194,927.50. In January 2017 members donated 529 items and 1,989 hours with a value of \$14,420.25. Rick and Carla commended members for their work.

**Military Service:** Deb Blackburn announced two Sew Days: February 15 at Trophy Gardens, 800 State Highway 495, Alamo; and March 7 at Green Gate Grove, Mission. Both sessions will begin at 9 am. Lunch will be served at both locations. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. **Lap quilts for wheelchairs and scooters only will be made at the Trophy Gardens Sew Day.** The size for these lap quilts will be posted on the website.

**Florea Flores** reported that the February 6 quilting session for the Youth Education Program was attended by girls age 6 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They made tote bags. The next class they will make a quilt. Florea would like to have this class before summer. She needs fabric donations and members may call her for pickup or bring to the March meeting. Members may also submit names of girls to attend the class.

**Programs:** Alice Gibson reported for Judy Brown who was in Houston meeting with Ricky Tims to invite him to present lecture/class at the 2018 RGVQG Quilt Show. She stated the two days of free motion quilting classes for March are filled. There are 9 or 10 spaces available in the painting class.

**Schoolhouse:** Karen Dill called for Show and Tell from the February 9 and 10 Folded Block class students. She announced the Tote Class for February 17 and the March 3 Easy Bear Paw class which will be taught by Renee Darkis.

**Retreat:** Karyn Heaney asked that all queries regarding the Friendship Star and Bluebonnet Friends Retreats be directed to her **only** and not to Bonnie Hall. Members who need to cancel attendance at the Friendship Star Retreat may receive full refund if they cancel by February 21 and those who cannot attend the Bluebonnet Friends Retreat must cancel by February 28 for full refund. Bring extension cords and duct tape, sewing machines and supplies.

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# RGVQG General Meeting - February 2017

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Massage prices are the same as last year and only 5 massages will be scheduled daily. When the 15 slots are filled, then others may be added as needed the first day of retreat.

Bluebonnet Friends will have a book and pattern exchange, but members must make an equal exchange, e.g. take 2 books/patterns to retreat, return home with 2 books/patterns. Directions, vendor lists, and maps for the Bluebonnet Retreat are on the Web.

Alana met with Friendship Star Retreat members to distribute lists, discounts, etc.

**Emergency Forms for Retreat** are available on the Web. Karyn **will not be** providing envelopes for the forms this year. Members should fill the information in on the form and **bring** it to the Retreat. If none of the information has changed, members may bring their 2016 form.

**Library:** Vicki Guerra thanked members for book donations and encouraged more. She stated book returns are good, but reminded members not to take their books “up north” with them.

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Sharon Crosswhite is getting a brand new quilting room. Lillian Hollabaugh celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday in February.

**Newsletter:** Submissions in to Jackie Heyes by February 15.

**Block of the Month:** Bonnie Cassidy counted 45 blocks for the February Block of the Month. Jan Markham won the drawing for the blocks. If she completes her project and brings it to the March meeting, she will receive a gift certificate for \$25 toward any Guild/Schoolhouse program. Bonnie explained the calendar and choices for BOM. Calendars may be purchased from Cassino Richardson and Laura Powell. The block for March is the August 14 calendar block which is 6 ½ inches. Corners should be white with a green print center and darker green print or solid for the outer points.

**Announcements:** A coin purse was left at the Llano Grande Quilt Show. Contact Monica Myers for return.

Karen Knowlton is one of ten finalists for the Northcott Competition. Her quilt is a tree of four seasons with a light blue background. You may vote on her quilt at [www.woobox.com/9BSSCC](http://www.woobox.com/9BSSCC) or on FB. You must find her quilt to vote on it. This information is also posted on the Guild website.

Carla asked for a fulltime Valley resident to volunteer for Military Service Quilts. Contact Carla if you are interested. If you have military service quilts to donate, give them to Deb Blackburn with a completed community service form and the Guild may count service donation and hours.

Members were invited by Carla to attend the Fiber Arts Show and Exhibit beginning March 11 at the Kika de la Garza Fine Arts Center in Mission.

A volunteer for the 2017 RGVQG Friendship Day meeting is needed. Contact Carla if you are interested.

**National Quilt Show Scholarships:** Following the program, these names were drawn for a \$600 scholarship award to attend any National Quilt Show: Diane Hoyt, Linda Mahoney and Nora Gil. Names of Alternates drawn were: Marian Johnson, Nyla Gordon, Judy Kathryn White, Brenna Raemer, Rozann Kiewel, Judi Swanda, Linda Haderer, and Esther Schmidt. In the event the scholarship winners cannot attend alternate awardees will be notified in order of selection.

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# RGVQG General Meeting - January 2017

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Winners who attend a National Show must take classes and give a demonstration of class techniques and project at a Guild meeting.

**2017 Quilt Show:** Karon Jacobson, Quilt Show Chairperson, recognized the Quilt Show Board members and volunteers. She congratulated the ribbon winners, including Mike Hall who was a first-time winner and Kathleen Dombi, Best of Show winner with her “Bed of Roses.” Karon expressed her thanks to everyone (including her husband) for a good show.

Karon reported a show income of more than \$33,000 and expenses of \$19,000 plus. After deducting an amount for the 2018 Quilt Show, Karon presented a check for \$14,000 to the Guild. Attendance was 1,625 for the two days of the show. Sales of Opportunity Quilt tickets amounted to \$3,868. Marsha Santow won the opportunity quilt, Terry Davis won the tote, and Donna Wendel won the miniature.

The drawing of ticket sales earned by members included two baskets at a value of \$591 each and 9 books. Ten more books will be awarded at the March meeting. Basket winners were: Rosie Garza and Jean Nickila. Winners of Volunteer awards received fabric donated by show vendors. They were: Lucy Klaas, Terry Davis and Sylvia Moreno.

**2018 Quilt Show:** Alice Gibson, Chairperson, revealed the Opportunity Quilt for the 2018 Quilt Show, “Sewing with the Stars.” Lila Helm made the quilt, “Amish With A Twist Two.” The show will be held January 26-27, 2018. Alice issued a call for many quilts for the show.

Show Challenge: Choose a star quilter, designer, etc. who influenced you in your quilting journey and include a “paper” story about this experience. Quilt must be 24” x 24.” Specifics will be posted on the website.

She said Judy Brown is negotiating with Ricky Tims for a class/lecture at the Quilt Show and another star quilter, Karen Stone, plans to present also.

Opportunity quilt tickets are ready for pickup and Alice encouraged all members to sell or buy their tickets.

Business Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Evelyn Fincher, acting for Judi Swanda, Secretary.





## YOUTH EDUCATION

This was a great class. Girls are getting more comfortable with the sewing machines. The girls managed to complete their own messenger bag. The youngest was 6 year old. A big thanks goes to all the volunteers. Our next project will be a quilt. We are looking for sponsors for 15 youth. We will need 10" blocks. Each girl will need 40 blocks, 5/8 yard for binding, 3 1/4 yards for backing. If each bee sponsors a youth it would be wonderful. Anything you can help with would be appreciated. Please call or text me if you want to sponsor a youth. Thanks, Florea Flores 956-648-4833

## MILITARY SERVICE QUILTS

Military Service Quilts are getting busier all the time! We received over 20 nominations at the quilt show & several since then. Presentations are being scheduled. We are looking for a co-chair (or 2), hopefully someone in the Valley year round, as there are presentations requested & other bundling days to get the quilt tops made during the sew days quilted. Please let Carla Mewhinney or Deb Blackbourn know if you might be interested in co-chairing a very worthwhile program!

Trophy Gardens hosted a great Sew Day on Wednesday & we got 44 wheelchair quilt tops done! They also served the approximately 24 ladies a great salad luncheon. We all had a great time!

On Tuesday, March 7, Green Gate Grove is hosting another Sew Day. They will be providing lunch also! I know many ladies were busy Wednesday and couldn't make it. Please plan on attending this Sew Day at Green Gate Grove. We always have a good time. Come, have fun, meet new friends & sew a quilt top or two! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Thanks, Blessings Deb

# 2017 Program Updates

Judy Steward will be here in March and will be teaching free motion quilting on your home machine (on March 8 and 10) and painting fabric (on March 9.) The samples Judy sent look wonderful:

## Painting Fabric



In the circle quilt the “background” fabric is some of her painted fabric. This is more of an overall painting to create a piece of fabric you may want for background or to cut up and use as a portion of a quilt

The smaller sample shows that you can paint a scene and quilt it as if it was a picture



## Machine Quilting

The machine quilting sample shows the stages we will go through starting with the basic shapes.

The top left pink fabric of the sample with her name in it, is an example of the basic shapes used in all designs. The second step is to follow lines. The shapes we use are the hearts, spools and leaf design. The third step is finding filler designs like swirls, circles, loops and countless other ones that students find success in creating. We will also touch on trapunto.

Judy starts the class talking about threads, needles, batting, marking, and tricks to help. This information comes from over 25 years of machine quilting on her domestic sewing machine for herself and other.

There are a few openings for the Wednesday, March 8 class.

We are looking for free motion quilters in our group for the April or May meeting to serve on a panel. If you can help, please contact [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com). Also, if you received a scholarship last year, please contact the same email to schedule your demo or report. Thank you.

Please watch our website and Facebook for news of online registration becoming available in the next few weeks.

There are openings in this class for Thursday, March 9.

# membership

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](http://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 have 276 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. This just the 2017 members. 2016 members that did not renew their membership have been removed from both the sign-in sheets and the email group for newsletter notification.

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** – Julie Anderson, Rosa Arriaga, Laura Deschamps, Linda Franklin, Marilyn Hensz, Diane Hoyt, Andrea Lane.

**Welcome back returning members** – No returning members this month.

**Welcome back renewing members** – Doris Anderson, Chris Colborn, Cindy Ellis, Carolyn Fox, Rosa Garza, Melinda Goodman, Elaine Hall, Becky Hanshaw, Mary Jo Havertape, Sylvia Martinez, Barbara McMullen, Laural Powell, Linda Salazar, Carol Schilling, Kathryn Smith, Barbara Walker.

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. The newer membership ID cards will have the info needed to access the online directory on the back of the ID card. If your ID card does NOT have the directory info on the back, please see me at the next meeting and I'll give you a sticky label to put on the back of your ID card. Otherwise, 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)

# White Ticket Raffle

Basket winners were: Rosie Garza and Jean Nickila.



# Rio Grande Valley 2017 Quilt Show

## 2017 Best of Show

### Bed of Roses by Kay Dombi





# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## WALL HANGINGS



1st - Texas Sunrise by Elaine Cooke



2nd - Landscape Silhouettes  
by Judy Brown

2nd - Shalom  
by Anna Schwartz



3rd - "Follow your Heart" with love  
by Monica Myers



HM - Motion Wave  
by Mary Finnegan



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## CRIB



1st - Noah's Ark by Terry Davis



2nd - Twister by Marie Seabrook



3rd - Pyramid Quilt by Ann Bergan



HM - Winter Delight  
by Beverly Fleming



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## LAP



1st - My Prismatic Star  
by Marilyn Hearnberger



2nd - Indigo Quilt  
by Judy Brown



3rd - Rainbow Swirls by  
Terry Davis



HM - Thank You, Because of You This Flag Flies  
by Patty Hoer



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## TWIN



1st - Alaska Adventure  
by Marge Lawrence



2nd - Day Dreams  
by Jean Cline



3rd - Sweet Dreams in Old Lavender by  
Nancy Bush

(Abject apologies, I didn't get a picture)

HM - Tea with Bread and Jam  
by Mary Finnegan



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## FULL



1st - Bargello Blues

by Jean Cline



2nd—Bed of Roses



3rd - Fiesta Mexico

by Shelley Bryant



HM - Moonglow

by Elaine Hall



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## QUEEN



1st - Amazon Star  
by Julia Hanley



2nd - Geese Among the Stars  
by Joyce Osborn



3rd - New take on an Old Idea  
by Jean Cline



HM - A Kaleidoscope of Kolor  
by Jo Corey



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## KING



1st - Baltimore Album  
by Jean Cline



2nd - Up North  
by Judith Ingram



3rd - Daisies in the Cabin  
by Maxine Pilcher



HM - Fancy Dresden Plate Tie Quilt  
by Shirley Rhoades



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## APPAREL &



1st - Quilted Jacket and Coordinating Bag  
by Lynne Benson



2nd - Leather Crochet  
by Anna Schwartz



3rd - Harmony Jacket  
by Marian Johnson



HM - Bargello Jacket  
by Terry Davis



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## HOME DECOR



1st - Room with a View - B  
by Mike Hall



2nd - African Safari  
by Donna Wendel & Friends



3rd - Fun at the Beach  
by Linda Osborne & Friends



HM - Row Quilt  
by Ann Bergan & Friends



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## ART



1st - Day at the Lake Variation  
by Marian Johnson



2nd - Syd (Dean's Pig)  
by Pat Skye



3rd - The Friendship Tree  
by Pat Cooper



HM - Butterfly  
by Erwin Nistler

# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## YOUTH



Butterfly Kisses by Natalie M Garcia



Butterfly Garden by Sasha M Gomez



Fancy Flowers by Danica Rivera



by Jasmine Cazarreta



Paris Dreams by Hope Casanova



Melody Coronado Summer  
2016 by Melody Coronado



Journey to Oz by Ocean Casanova



# 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT SHOW WINNERS

## CHALLENGE



1st - "All I've Got to Do"  
by Kathleen Dombi



2nd - Octopus's Garden "Salute to the Beatles"  
by Renee Pageau



3rd - It's Only Love by Bonnie M Hall



HM - 3 Cool Cats by Nancy Bush



# Quilt Show January 26, 27, 2018

The picture for putting up with the write up is with your tickets that you up, if not I am sending a PDF file for you. The convention Center on South Padre Island has been booked. There will be blocks of rooms booked at the hotels to accommodate our members, the vendors, the teachers, and out of town attendees who will be wanting rooms to attend the days of the quilt show.

The theme of the show is “Sewing with the Stars” based on the stars in the quilt. The theme then led us to look for teachers who are currently Stars themselves with the prerequisite that they come from or currently reside in TX. That led to contacting both Karen Stone and Ricky Tims to see if they would be available at the time of the Show. At the time of this report Judy Brown is negotiating with both of the above teachers as I had said in our meeting on Saturday.

The quilt Challenge is very simple:

1. Choose a “Star” that has influenced your quilting journey, it does not necessarily have to be a quilting teacher.
2. Make 24 x 24” maximum quilt that represents that star’s influence on you.
3. Compose a short story on why you chose this star and place it on the front of the quilt for display.
4. Enter your quilt in next year’s show for all to see and vote on.

Have fun with the process.

The Quilt Show Committee

We hope everyone will enter the challenge category this year.

Submitted by

Alice Gibson

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## The Mission Bees

We are so busy with our block-of-the-month projects, the same pattern turns out different from each one. We are still meeting each first and third Monday of the month, as of now everyone has joined the UVAL art guild as we use their facilities for our meetings.

Sandy and Janey are keeping the meetings interesting.

Michaela Shyne-Kalsow 406-223-2804

**Sew and Sew Quilt Bee** has been very busy! We have made donation quilts which have been and will be given to the Rainbow Room in Weslaco. These quilts are youth and baby sized quilts in a variety of colours and designs. We also tried out many different layouts to make our Drunkard's Path quilt. Curve piecing is not that difficult.

Our Friday group has been making a Single Irish Chain and trying out different method of applique and trapunto. Our talented group from Sew and Sew has also turned sweatshirts and old jeans into beautiful jackets! Our latest project is the hollow cube wall hanging or quilt.

We are also getting ready for our Quilt and Art Show on Sunday, February 26th from 1:00 to 3:00.

A presentation of military quilts to veterans will end our show. We look forward to you joining us for this event.

Thanking you, Val Forsyth

## Greetings from Upper Valley Beekeeper

Spring, 2016, **Green Bees** at Green Gate Grove Resort initiated me to the role of Beekeeper before the winter Texans headed north for the summer, The meeting was lively and productive and their show and tell inspiring, I hope to attach a few pictures from that show. The good company and comradery was extended to Riverside for lunch.

Annette Sweet schedules a variety of classes and activities for the season and even a bus trip to San Antonio Feb 15<sup>th</sup> this spring.

A few years ago a number of quilters from Snow to Sun attended the Green Gate quilt show then proceeded to buy the "two-in-one" quilt pattern. Mine inadvertently ended up being a reversible quilt that I have targeted to be used when I end up in a nursing home, with right side up always.

**Weslaco Heritage Bee** have seen me a couple times this season.

They are an industrious group putting together the 1919 Opportunity Quilt. I am really looking forward to the unveiling next year.

**Sew and Sew Bee** have donated 24 baby/child quilts to Weslaco Rainbow Room, with another 24 to be donated after our quilt show the end of February. Val Forsyth does an excellent job collecting fabrics and cutting pieces for these donation quilts. Victoria Palms shared their fabric leftovers from their Cancer Hat projects. After Val sorts and cuts for more quilts the scraps will be used for doggy beds assembled by Pat Culp.

This season, Sheila Sivil has put on a teacher hat and has had her hands full with people making sweatshirt and blue jean jackets. She will be showing Sun to Snow residents how to make a practical sewing machine caddy.

Val Forsyth leads the Friday morning classes with the various techniques in applique, as well as Braid Runner, quilt as you go, and Drunkard's Path. Filler classes at the end of the season will include a Thread Catcher and Chicken Pin Cushion.

Hollow Cube, Fan fabric folding, 8 Star Fabric folding has been my teaching contribution for the Sew and Sew Bee.

My intention is to have contact with each of the Bees in the Upper Valley. You may contact me at your convenience at 956 647 5805

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Great Job Girls!



# Programs

Judy Steward will be our guest for the March classes and meeting. Her lecture on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be **Quilt Like You Desire: How do I know what will look good?** Please remember to check out Programs on our [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) site for information on our speakers and their program.

In April, Jean Waufler will share with us her long arm quilting, as well as other very exciting related hobbies in **Quilting and Beyond**. Additional information will be on the website next week.

The remainder of the summer and early fall meeting are being finalized. If you were a scholarship recipient or have something to share with our group, please contact Judy Brown at [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com).

Next year's program schedule is also nearing completion. We will begin to take registrations for Susan Nickels November 2017 classes starting March 1<sup>st</sup> from those previously registered for the cancelled classes in November 2016 being given first preference.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

### 2016 Year End Community Service Report

<b>Total Items</b>	<b>4296.50</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>26886.50</b>
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$194,927.50</b>

### Community Service Report January 2017

<b>Total Items</b>	<b>529</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$14,420.25</b>

#### Donated To:

**Cancer Clinic  
Valley Baptist Hospital  
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Military Star  
Rainbow Room – Weslaco  
Mission Hospital  
Sacred Heart Respite Ctr.  
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Lucy Klaas  
Glenda Davis  
Llano Grande**



# March Quilt Guild lectures/workshop

Thank you for the update! I am so excited! I just had 5 ladies at my house today that I have taught many classes to and we shared so many funny memories. What was cute was how they all liked that I was patient and encouraging. It was a real feel good day. My goal is to help all levels of quilters enjoy the process and understand it as much as possible.

The lecture "Quilt Like You Desire: How do I know what will look good?" is a very informative lecture with quilts that show good examples. I explain why some work better than others. The quilts tell the story and make it easy for the members to really see what I am talking about.

See you in March!

Judy Brown

## RGVQG Interest Survey

This month we posted an interest survey online and 59 members completed it. Thank you so much! Some of the feedback is already being used for schoolhouse classes and programs.

From this information we appear to mainly be intermediate skilled quilters with 77.6% choosing that level, beginners at 8.6% and advanced at 15.5%

From the most popular to least popular, the following were your combined choices:

- 1 Tied - Traditional quilting and Machine quilting
- 3 Finishing - borders, binding
- 4 Modern quilting
- 5 Choosing fabrics
- 6 Precision cutting
- 7 Paper piecing
- 8 Working with pre-cuts
- 9 Tied - Appliqué and Industry trends
- 11 Tied - Art quilting and Machine embroidery
- 13 Design and pattern making
- 14 Thread painting
- 15 Long arm quilting
- 16 Hand embroidery
- 17 Portrait quilts
- 18 Hand quilting

Overall there does not seem to be a preference on a day for schoolhouse classes, but Thursday did come out the highest.

Even though this survey is completed, please continue to give us your feedback for both programs and schoolhouse classes.

Thank you, Judy Brown

# Quilt Shop News



Helping You Quilt Love from Fabric  
**New Quilt Store**

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# Financial Report

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
JANUARY 2017	
Balance Forward	\$ 5,130.89
<b>INCOME</b>	
	Income January 2017
Administration	
Community Service	
Fat Quarter Raffle	179
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	1330
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	20
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs (fees)	1585
Quilt Show	3432.45
Quilter's School House (fees)	270
Retreat - Bluebonnet	
Retreat cancellations (refunds)	
Retreat - Friendship Star	
Retreat 2018	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,816.45</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration, Gift Certificate	452.77
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	742.3
Fat Quarter Raffle	205.02
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	8.05
Military Service quilts	
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	809
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	2760.81
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	400
Retreat - Bluebonnet	
Retreat - Friendship Star	
Retreat 2018	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,377.95</b>
<b>Account Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$ 6,569.39</b>





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

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