

Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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Presidents Piece

It's that time of year when we have to say goodbye to our Winter Texan friends. We've enjoyed having all of you sharing your lives and considerable talents with us for the past few months, and we're looking forward to having you come back ASAP. Please keep in touch with us through the summer by posting on our Facebook page and showing us what you are working on while you're away.

For those of you who are staying here, we have a lot of fun things planned for the summer and fall. We will be meeting all summer at Llano Grande where we have lots of room for programs and demos, so, if you need to show us what you learned at a quilt show you attended using one of the guild scholarships, we're looking forward to your presentation. We're also planning on having Friendship Day (in September) at Llano Grande this year. We need a chairman to lead the effort to put that together this year, so please consider volunteering. We will probably have some Military Service Quilt sew days and those are always fun. It's a shame we can't do more of them during the winter, but we just can't get any of the parks to let us use their facilities during the winter season.

If you enjoy our guild, please consider volunteering for one of our committees, or running for office this year. It's a great way to meet new friends and spend time with the old friends who share your interests. You don't have to be here year round for most of the guild's jobs. That's what email, Facebook, and the Internet are good for. We'll be trying out registering and paying for program classes and schoolhouse classes on line this summer, so everyone will have the same opportunity to get into the classes they want. Just keep checking our webpage for more information.

Again, bye everyone. Enjoy your summer, but don't forget all your South Texas friends.



Calendar

Board Meeting: April 5, 2017
9:am all meetings are at
"Renee's"
1623 N Tower Rd

Guild Meeting: April 8, 2017
9:am
Llano Grande Event Center
Program: Jean Waufler
will share with us her long arm
quilting

All classes are at "Renee's"
1623 N Tower Rd

Board Meeting: May 10, 2017
9am all meetings are at
Renee's
1623 N Tower Rd

Guild Meeting: May 13, 2017

Program: Judy Shelton
Is a maybe at this time
Check web page for updates

All classes are at "Renee's"



RGVQG General Meeting - March 2017

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney, President at 9 am at the South Texas High School for Health Professionals in Mercedes, Texas,

Secretary's minutes from the February meeting were adopted as published on the Web site with no additions or deletions made.

Treasurer's Report: Karon Jacobson reported that there is a balance of \$17,921.39 in the checking account and that she will move \$10,000.00 to the savings account. She also advised that anyone who was awarded a scholarship to attend a National Quilt Show had until September 1st to request reimbursement, after that the scholarship will go to the 1st alternate on the list etc.

Lost & Found: Karon Jacobson has two bags that were left at previous meetings and asked that the owner's claim them.

General Announcements: Go with Jo Travel is putting together another Bus trip to the Houston Quilt Show for November 1st thru 4th. Please watch their web site for further information. UVAL – Fiber Arts Group has an Opening Reception tonight for their Fiber Art Pieces. Carla Mewhinney asked for a volunteer to do Publicity and Quilt Show Chair for 2019.

Student Scholarships: Evelyn Fincher introduced Nichole Castenada and Rene Cambolla as this year's recipients of the \$2,000 Scholarships. The Honey Bees gave \$50 as a Memorial for Pat Brothers and Marilyn Bannon and this will be added to each of the students (\$25 each).

Military Service: Deb Blackburn announced that the sew days produced over 50 wheel chair quilts and 20+ regular quilts. Chris Cowan will be in charge over the summer. There will be a raffle of a Military Quilt with all proceeds going to purchase fabric etc., for the Military Service Quilts.

Youth Program: Florea Flores thanked everyone for their donations of fabric for this program and announced that there would be a class this next week with 5 students. If you have fabric you could donate please give to Florea or Rick and Subie Redd.

Hostess: Renee Darkis reports that we have 3 guests and 151 members present today.

Membership: Bonnie Hall announced that we now have 275 members. There will no longer be a printed copy of the Membership list. It is posted on the web site and you can print a copy from there. This avoids a cost of over \$700 to print them. The password to get into the Membership List is on your membership card if you rec'd it after January of this year. Those who got the card before then can contact Bonnie for the password.

Volunteers: A drawing was held to give Quilting Books to the Volunteers who worked the Quilt Show: Following are the winners: Diane Hines, Karen Forbes, Kathi Letulle x 2; Judy Blum; Linda Haderer; Vicki Guerra; Jackie Heyes; Viola Mikula; Alice Gibson and Sue Arnold.

Community Service: Rick Redd reports that a total of 1370 items, with 3926 hours awarded to a value of \$25,463.50 this last month. There are new forms on the web site for you to fill out when donating items and also a list of places that donations may be made to.

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RGVQG General Meeting - March 2017

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Newsletter: Please have your articles to Jackie Heyes by the 15th

Programs: Judy Brown announced that there is a trial Registration Form on the web site to register for classes. She is still working on a program so that you can pay for the class on the web site also. You are still able to register at the meetings.

Sue Nichols class has been re-scheduled for November 8th thru 10th, 2017. Those who registered for the class that was cancelled will get first opportunity to attend.

In December the guest will be Rob Apel. For further information on future speakers/classes please see the web page. "Great News" Ricky Tims and Karen Stone will be giving classes at our Quilt Show on the Island in January. Ricky will also be giving a concert on Friday night.

Schoolhouse: Karon Dill had all the members that made Professional Totes and the Bear Paw project show their work. All classes have been scheduled for next year, so check the good old web site again.

Sunshine & Shadows: Donna Brown is recovering from surgery and the Honey Bees reported that Marilyn Bannon had passed.

Quilt Show: Alice Gibson reported that things are going well for the show, Speakers and classes are being finalized. The Hotels are listed on the web. She asked how many would like to have the Quilt Appraiser return and with a show of hands it was decided that Alice would contact the appraiser to see if she was available.

Retreats: Karyn Heaney is excited, two days till the first retreat. Please remember to bring extension cords, duck tape, pillow to sit on etc in addition to your Basic Supplies. A massage is available by appt. DO NOT forget your Emergency Forms.

Library: Please turn in all books before heading back north. Vicki has once again purchased several new books.

Block of Month: Next month's block is the "Scot's Plaid" from November 13th. Please use white in all two inch blocks with bright colors of your choice elsewhere.

Jan Markhan won last month's block and showed her completed quilt, which was really beautiful. She will receive a Gift Certificate to attend a class of her choice.

The winner of this month's block is Joan Ploeg.

Bee Keepers: The ladies would like to attend more Bee's throughout the Valley, please contact them.

As you can see, I have made several comments "see the Web Site". That is how important the site is. Bonnie has done a great job with this.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary



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Community Service:

[Community Service Form](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCATIONS

The Following list was made up from community service paperwork for 2016, and other sources given to us during the change over. You may use one from the list or donate to anywhere or anyone you may choose. Please print and fill out a [Community Service Form](#) for each LOCATION you take your items to.

You may contact any RGV Hospital-(Each hospital will have different needs Ex: neo-natal, rehab, hospice, birthing, pediatric, etc.) A good place to start is the gift shop. The AUX Volunteers will be happy to assist you.

Please forward all additions, deletions, corrections of this list to Rick/Subie at rredd2@rgv.rr.com

New - **Community Svc** page –

Contains a link to the Community Service Form. This form is also available on the Forms page.

The page also contains known locations that accept items donated by our guild members. Scroll down to see the specific organizations and locations. The locations, i.e. address info, are linked to google maps. Please make sure you take one of the Community Service forms with you.

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)

Financial Report

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
FEBRUARY 2017	
Balance Forward	\$ 6,569.39
INCOME	Income February 2017
Administration	70.65
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	183
Guests & Fines	
Library	8
Membership	570
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	110
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs (fees)	415
Quilt Show	14000
Quilter's School House (fees)	150
Total Income	\$ 15,506.65
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	73.54
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	491.09
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	60.52
Membership	
Military Service quilts	
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	3329.5
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	200
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
Total Expenses	\$ 4,154.65
Account Balance Forward	\$ 17,921.39

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. 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 277 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 – Billie Barr and Nancy Schmitz.

Welcome back returning members – No returning members this month.

Welcome back renewing members – Susan Swanson and Kathryn Webber.

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.

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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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Guild Encourages Student Fashion



Rene Gamboa and Nicole Castaneda each received a 2017 scholarship award letter for \$2,000 at the March 11 meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild.

Gamboa, a senior at Sharyland High School in Edinburg and Castaneda, a sophomore at Texas State University, were chosen from six scholarship applicants. Castaneda also received one of the 2016 Guild student scholarships.

The criteria for scholarship selection is based on printed Guild guidelines and state that the applicant must be a graduating high school senior and plan to attend college and major or minor in “the arts related to textiles, including fashion, designing, pattern making, study of materials, dyes, color, and other textile-related studies”. Other considerations are extracurricular activities and grade point average. In the event there are no qualified high school senior applicants for the two scholarships, former scholarship students who plan to continue their studies according to the Guild guidelines may apply for consideration.

Letters were mailed by Evelyn Fincher, High School/College Scholarship Committee Chairman, to Rio Grande Valley high school counselors and art departments. Other members of the committee are Donna Brown and Judy Bassett. Final selection approval is made by the RGVQG Executive Board.

Fincher introduced Gamboa and Castaneda and the students introduced their guests. Gamboa’s guests were Maria Bhatt, his mother, Bertha Alvarez, his grandmother, and his aunt, Alma Alvarez. Gamboa plans to attend either The Art Institute of San Antonio or Austin Community College, Austin.

He expressed a desire to continue his studies in fashion design and marketing. His goals include joining a major fashion house and promoting his own fashion designs. He stated he is already working on his designs.

Castaneda introduced her dad, Alfredo Castaneda, and her sister, Lauren Castaneda. She then shared some of her experiences as a freshman at Texas State University where she will continue her studies in fashion merchandising and marketing.

She expressed her enjoyment of her textiles studies and expressed a desire to “own a clothing store and promote better use of textiles” especially regarding the protection of textile workers and the environment.

Both students expressed their appreciation to their parents for their support and encouragement. Students and parents thanked Guild members for the scholarship opportunity.

Fincher presented award letters to the students and explained the procedure for receipt of the award checks. A RGVQG representative will present certificates to the scholarship winners at their respective high school awards assemblies in May.

In addition to the \$2,000 award, each student will receive \$50 extra. The Honey Bees donated \$50 in memory of their deceased members, Pat Brothers and Marilyn Bannon. Linda Haderer also donated \$50 to a “worthwhile cause.”

Guild members, we have once again empowered better fashion design and marketing through our selection of Rene Gamboa and Nicole Castaneda!

Programs

The April 8, 2017, meeting speaker will be Jean Wauffle sharing "Decorating with Quilt and Other Fibers." The meeting will be held at Llano Grande Resort & Country Club Haynes Event Center, 1042 Santa Maria, Mercedes, TX.

All upcoming program information is posted on the RGVQG.com website as soon as it is ready. There is also a link to register for program classes. At this time online registration is only available for Sue Nickels classes in November. Names are being taken now for her classes, however prior registrants will be given first chance at available places until April 30. Please go ahead and sign up now either online or at the April meeting, and if you were not registered last year, you will receive confirmations starting in early May.

For December we will have Rob Appell of "Man Sewing." Additional information and class registrations will be available six months prior to the classes. In January we will have both Ricky Tims and Karen K. Stone at the Quilt Show. More information will be available soon.

Sent from my mobile,
Judy Brown

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

MARCH 2017

TOTAL ITEMS.....1904
TOTAL HOURS.....7315
TOTAL VALUE.....\$53033.75

DANATED TO:

Sacred Heart Respite Center
Military Service Project
Yaqui Animal Recue Auction
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Thank you

Additional Discounts at Jo-Ann

Did you know that as a RGVQG member, you can be a Jo-Ann VIP Member and receive a card which entitles you to save 10% on every purchase every day (Some exclusions apply.)

You can enroll at Joann.com/VIP.



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



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