

Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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Presidents Piece



It seems like summer here these days – hot and humid. A good time to be in your sewing room. We are working hard to get things done while we have fewer commitments. Are you working on your UFO'S? I have a new long-arm and I've been busy learning to use it. The guild has a number of wheelchair lap quilts for Valley military veterans that needed to be quilted, so several of us have taken them to work on. Those lap quilts are going to vets at the Rehabilitation Unit at the VA Hospital in Harlingen. As soon as we finish quilting them, they will go to their new homes. I'm hoping to be done by July 4th, but there are lots of other military service quilts that will be needing labels for the presentation on July 4th at the Veterans home in McAllen. We will schedule a sew day for sewing on labels as soon as school is out and Chris Cowan is done teaching for this year. I hope you can come and join us for a fun and productive day!

I'm also excited to have Cindy Roth of Long-arm University here in the RGV next month. She is teaching classes on the Thursday and Friday before the next guild meeting and will be talking about Continuous Line Quilting at our June Guild meeting. Her classes are not Guild classes, so they are her regular price, but she only has a maximum of 6 students in each class (so it's almost like private lessons). If you are interested in these classes, please contact Renee Darkis.

I have some good news. The ladies from Llano Grande have graciously agreed to be hostesses for Friendship Day. This year, Friendship Day will be held at Llano Grande in place of our regular September Guild meeting. I know we'll all have a fun day. Thank you ladies!

This is just a reminder....the guild still needs a quilt show Chairperson for 2019 And nominations for officers. So please consider taking one of these positions.

Calendar

Board Meeting: June 7, 2017
9 am at Renee's
1623 N Tower Rd

Guild Meeting:
June 10, 2017 9:am
Llano Grande Event Center
Program: Cindy Roth
Continuous Curve Quilting

Board Meeting: July 5, 2017
9:am at Renee's
1623 N Tower Rd

Guild Meeting:
July 8:2017 9am
Llano Grande Event Center
Program: Carol Hover
Fun with Fussy cutting



RGVQG General Meeting - May 13th, 2017

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild – General Meeting May 13th, 2017

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

Secretary's Report: There being no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes from the April meeting, they were adopted as posted in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$3,989.37 in the checking account. All taxes have been submitted and the accountant paid. Karon Jacobson has two bags of fleece donated by Barbara Walker.

Membership: Mike Hall stepped in today as Bonnie is ill at home. We have two new members who were introduced to our group.

Community Service: For the month of April there were 133 items donated for a total of 929 hours and a value of \$6,735.25. The forms to fill out are on the web site as are locations where the quilts can be donated. If you wish to donate to another site/person please fill out the form and give to Rick or Subie Redd after donating it. They will figure out the hours/value per the IRS.

Hostess: There were 59 present today with 5 visitors.

Programs: The enrollment for the Ricky Tims; Karen K. Stone and Rob Appell classes will be available on 5/14/17 on the web site. Please sign up for only one class at this time in order to allow everyone a chance to attend. In June the classes will be opened up for you to sign up for a second class.

The Barn Quilt Class to be held in February will be on the web at TBA date.

Carla announced that Cindy Roth with Longarm University will be here next month. She will do two, all day classes. These classes are open to guild members only and will cost \$225/day or \$425 for both days. A different class will be held each day and the class is limited to 6 students. Contact Renee Darkis or Carla Mewhinney as the classes will be held on June 8th and 9th before our next meeting. Cindy will be the Guest speaker at the Guild Meeting in June.

Ricky Tims has asked us to promote his Luminarium Class to our members and throughout the Valley. In return he will donate merchandise and one admission to his two-day class following our Quilt Show in January. He, in turn, will advertise our Quilt Show on his site.

Schoolhouse: Please sign up for classes. All classes have been scheduled for next season and Joy Paugh is here to get you registered.

Sunshine & Shadows: Stella Sneider has had surgery and is very ill, Bonnie Hall is under the weather. Please keep them in your prayers.

Newsletter: All news from guild/bees is due on the 15th. Please give this news directly to Jackie Heyes.

Quilt Show: Alice reports via Carla that things are moving along. Pins were ordered and rec'd. Volunteers may sign up next month.

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A QUILT SHOW CHAIRMAN FOR 2019 is still needed. Please volunteer so that you can work with Alice and get a feel for the job.

Military Service Quilts: Chris Cowan, Carla Mewhinney and Renee Darkis took an inventory of the quilts in storage and we have a lot. Renee Darkis contacted the Veterans Nursing Home in McAllen and they have a total of 167 beds with 137 current veterans. She brought this info to the Board and it was decided, after contacting the Activity Director at the Home, that the Guild would present quilts to all

patients on July 4th. These quilts need labels and they will be made, and a sew day scheduled to sew these on the quilts and sort out all the fabric in the storage shed.

We also have at least 22 other people who have been nominated for quilts and these will be given out in addition to two quilts to nominees who have not rec'd their quilts yet.

The raffle quilt to raise funds for Military Service Quilts is at GOB Quilts. Please get your tickets from Chris Cowan or at GOB quilts.

Block of Month: Karen Knowlton completed her quilt from last month's blocks and will receive a gift certificate for a class. This month's winner is Jo Corey. Bonnie has decided not to use the Calendar for next month's block and instead has designed "Bonnie's Flower Garden" block. This is a 6 1/2" block requiring 3 strips 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" in a flower print of your choice and two – 2 1/2" white squares. Please see the pictures on the facebook page for placement. This is a very easy square and should get a lot of participants.

Friendship Day: Friendship day is held in September in place of the meeting. This is a potluck etc. day. Llano Grande ladies have stepped up to be Hostess's for the day. It is always a fun time.

Carla reminded the members that they need to be thinking about who they would like to see nominated for the positions of President, 3rd Vice President and Secretary. Nominations need to be published in the October newsletter. Both Carla Mewhinney and Judi Swanda will not run again. Judy Brown will probably continue as Program Chair as she is currently filling out this position that was vacated. (and doing a great job).

The meeting was then adjourned,

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

MILITARY SERVICE QUILTS

Chris Cowan and I are excited to tell everyone that the Military Service Quilts program has been given the great opportunity to present a quilt to each of the Veterans at the Veterans' Home in McAllen, Texas! Think of all those Veterans who will finally be thanked and given the appreciation they deserve! We also have numerous other quilts to present to Veterans who have been nominated to receive one.

The only down-side of this is that the Military Service Quilt inventory will be depleted. We continue to receive requests for quilts; and that means we need to have more inventory. Alice Gibson, the Quilt Show Chairperson, would like to have 50 Military Service Quilts to hang at the Quilt Show in January. The Military Service Room uses 5 for display purposes; and we need a minimum of 10 for presentations to Veterans at the Quilt Show.

Chris and I are reaching out to you, as generous quilters, in hopes that you might be willing to sew Military Service Quilts sometime during your summer. They should be red, white and blue, 60" x 72". So, I have all my red, white and blue fabric pulled and ready to start sewing! If you can help, terrific!

Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

| Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account | |
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| APRIL 2017 | |
| Balance Forward | \$ 7,484.90 |
| INCOME | |
| | Income April 2017 |
| Administration | |
| Community Service | |
| Fabric Drawing | 170 |
| Guests & Fines | |
| Library | |
| Membership | 175 |
| Military Service Quilts | |
| Newsletter (advertising) | |
| Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost) | |
| Programs (fees) | 1063.1 |
| Quilt Show | |
| Quilter's School House (fees) | 630 |
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| Total Income | \$ 2,038.10 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Administration, Gift Certificate | |
| Bank Service Charge - checks, fees | 535.11 |
| Bee Keeper | |
| Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web | |
| Fabric Drawing | 66.67 |
| Friendship Day | |
| Guests & Fines | |
| Library | |
| Membership | |
| Military Service quilts | 2017.5 |
| Newsletter | |
| Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance | |
| Programs, (includes Bldg use rent) | 300 |
| Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent) | 55.35 |
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| Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair) | |
| Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members) | 600 |
| Scholarships - (College) | 2050 |
| Sunshine & Shadows | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 5,624.63 |
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| Account Balance Forward | \$ 3,898.37 |

Program News

The June program has been changed as Cindy Roth from Longarm University is coming to South Texas!! She will be teaching her Traveling Longarm Classes in Alamo, TX on June 8 & 9, and giving our Saturday lecture on Continuous Curve Quilting. The Guild meeting is open to all quilters, however there is a \$10 fee for non-members. For more information about the Guild meeting or the classes, please see <http://rgvqg.com/Programs.html> or contact Renee Darkis.

On May 15 both December and January program class registrations went live and were posted on Facebook. Within three hours, over 50 members had successfully registered. Those who do not have Internet access or a credit card can contact Judy Brown via programs@rgvqg.com and mail a check or make arrangements to pay cash at the next meeting.

Currently members can register for November Sue Nickel's classes, December Rob Appell's classes, or January Quilt Show program classes and concert with Ricky Tims or classes with Karen K. Stone. We do expect all to fill, so please plan to register as soon as possible. Members have been asked to only register for one of Rob's or Karen's classes until June 1 to enable more members to register. (Several had expressed interest in registering for multiple classes.)

Additional information:

Sue Nickels has added an additional Tuesday class "Learn all about stitched raw edge machine appliqué in this informative workshop. Sue's book "Stitched Raw Edge Appliqué" co-authored with her sister Pat Holly is the basis for this class. A small amount of fusible is used to seal the edge yet leaves the block soft. The machine blanket stitching makes this project secure for washing. Students will work on a practice sampler of ideas in class to learn the technique. Explore the details of inside and outside points, curves, circles and a great bias stem option. This is a technique class which allows time to explore the details of the technique. Feel confident to work on any appliqué pattern after taking this class." The book is not required.

Note that there still are a couple slots for Sue Nickels other classes in November. You can register at <https://form.jotform.us/70956960784169> for any November class.



The Rob Appell December classes are:



Gears Quilt, Wed., Dec. 6

3 Dudes Modified,
Thurs., Dec. 7

Reverse Appliqué,
Fri., Dec. 8

Registration for Rob Appell is available at <https://form.jotform.us/71314230393144>

January Quilt Show registrations:

Ricky Tims at <https://form.jotform.us/71314292493153>

Karen K. Stone at <https://form.jotform.us/71315018793153>

Please contact programs@rgvqg.com with any questions or to mail a check. These classes will all certainly fill quickly, so please do not delay and pass the word.

Registration for February 2018 Suzi Parron's Barn Quilts will be available July 15, 2017. Speaking and class schedule for 2018-19 season is progressing, so if you have any suggestions of speakers, please email programs@rgvqg.com. Thank you.

Longarm University Traveling Classes

All Day Classes

June 8 & 9, 2017

Registration Form

Class Coordinator

Renee Darkis

1623 N Tower Road

Alamo, TX 78516

Phone: 812-890-1572

Email: reneedarkis@hotmail.com

All Day Classes begin about 9 am and end about 4 - 5 pm

Each class is an independent class and you can attend one or all classes.

All Day Class fee - First day of class, \$225, each additional day of class is \$200.

(Example: one day of class \$225, two days of classes \$425) A deposit of \$100 is required to hold your place in class. Class is to be paid in full on or before day of class.

Make checks payable to Cindy Roth. If you would prefer to use a credit card, send a check with your deposit to the Class Coordinator. Your credit card will be processed on the day of the class and your check will be returned to you.

Fill out the form below and send it, along with your deposit or full payment to the Class Coordinator (address above.)

For more information about the Longarm U Traveling Classes go to
www.longarmuniversity.com/Education/Travel-Class.html

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Circle or highlight the class(es) you want to attend and add class fee.

| Class Name | Date | Class Fee |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Free Hand Sampler | Thursday, June 8 | |
| Basic Free Hand Feathers | Friday, June 9 | |
| | Total Class Fee | |

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Class Descriptions Free Hand Sampler

Free hand designs are fun and easy to do and will give your quilting a very “custom” look with minimal effort! In this hands on class you will learn many different free hand patterns and how to use them to fill in typical spaces - squares, half square triangles - and those unusual spaces on your quilts.

We will also discuss and create “overall” free hand patterns, which are like pantographs, but easier and faster!

If desired, bring an un-quilted quilt or two for show and tell and for quilting suggestions. If you quilt as a business, this class will show you how to quilt effectively and efficiently. As always, there is plenty of time for questions, answers and networking.

The basis of this class is the book Free Hand Sampler by Cindy Roth and the NEW DVD Free Hand Sampler V-2. Each person attending this class receives a copy of this book, the laminated drawing sheets AND the DVD!!

For photos of the class sample quilts go to -

<http://www.longarmuniversity.com/Education/Travel-Class-Photos.html#Sample>

Class Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017

Free Hand Feathers

Everyone loves feathers! But feathers, although beautiful, can sometimes be the “problem child” of the quilting world.

In this one day class you will learn about all types of feathers. You will learn how to make the basic feather shape and then take it and make it "work" for you! Not only will you learn the basics of making feathers, you will also learn how to make the "More Bang for the Buck" feather, Swirled Feathers, Feathered Wreaths, many different Feather Borders, All Over Free Hand Feathers, background fill-in feathers and much more! You will be seeing feathers in your sleep and making beautiful and easy feathers on your quilts.

If you quilt as a business, you NEED to know how to quilt feathers! Feathers are the "cash cow" in a quilting business. I will show you my tips and tricks for making feathers that look good and fill spaces. With feathers, quilts can be finished quickly, which means more \$\$\$ for you, and the quilts look great which makes for HAPPY CUSTOMERS!!

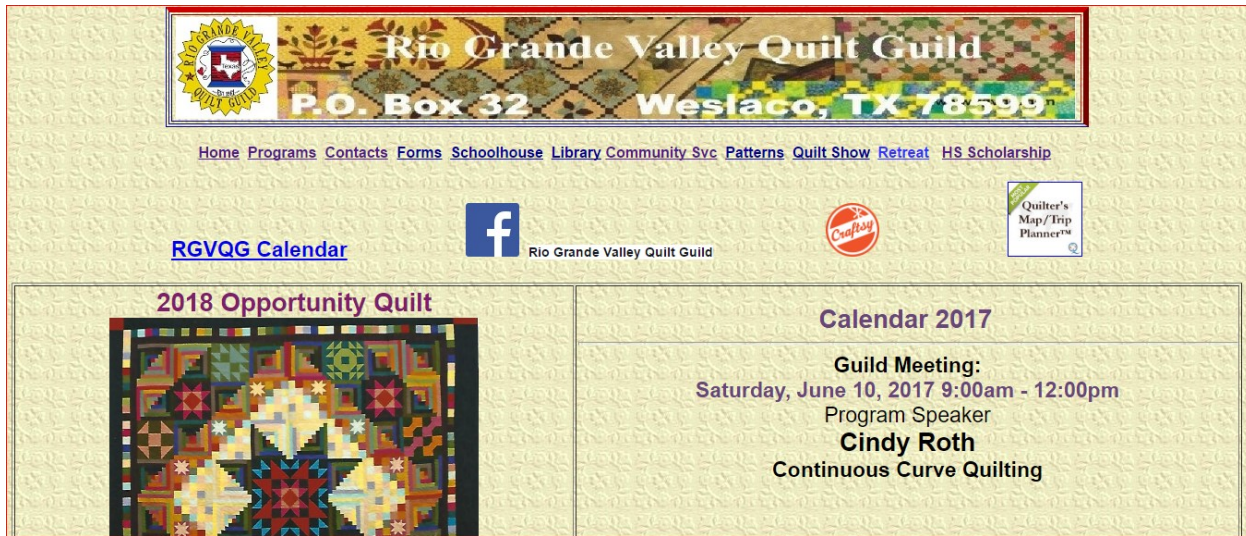
Class handouts include a Beginning Feathers DVD and laminated worksheet..

For photos of the class sample quilts go to -

<http://www.longarmuniversity.com/Education/Travel-Class-Photos.html#FHF>


Class Date: Friday, June 9, 2017


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 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild





2018 Opportunity Quilt

Calendar 2017

Guild Meeting:
Saturday, June 10, 2017 9:00am - 12:00pm
Program Speaker
Cindy Roth
Continuous Curve Quilting

Home page -

The **Home** page contains links to itself and the other pages (except alligator). The other pages are Programs, Contacts, Forms, Schoolhouse, Library, Community Svc, Patterns, Quilt Show, Retreat, HS Scholarship.

RGVQG Calendar – Link to calendar with guild related events, e.g. dates for meetings (guild, board and quilt show board), classes (both program and schoolhouse), quilt show registrations, quilt show, etc.



- Link to the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Facebook page. This is a closed Facebook group. You must ask to join the group. All guild members will be approved to join. Others may join if they are known to guild member.



- Link to Craftsy. Please use this link to order anything from Craftsy. The guild will get 10% of the purchase price.



- Link to the Quilting Hub Map/Trip Planner. Helps you find the quilt shops along your trip route. The Quilting Hub has a lot of other quilting related info, too.

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)

Bee News



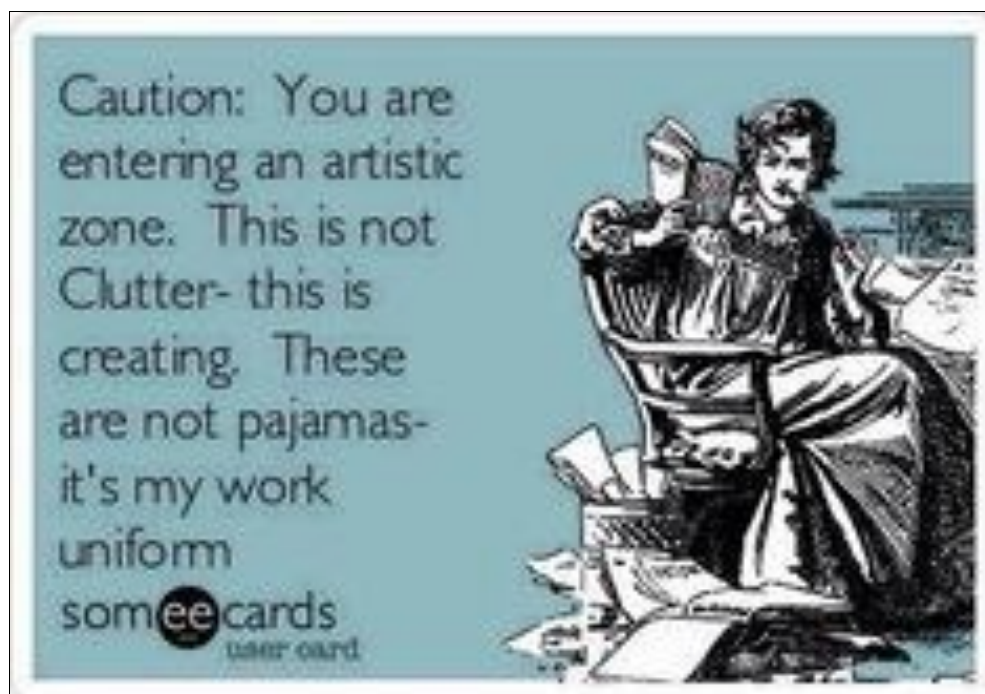
The Seam Rippers have been having fun this past spring in February Estella Longoria showed us a new way to do a log cabin, in March, we had an assembly line day, we made bags for Jennifer Winton, April , I ask everyone to bring an item you use in sewing that is not a sewing item we got some surprising items, this month Lynn Johnson and Beverly Fleming are going to have us do something or demonstrate something?? Seam Rippers meet once a month. All year on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Mercedes. We are an open bee. All are welcome! If you have any questions call me Jackie Heyes, 95642122909

The Calico Clippers went to Lillian Hollabaugh's home and cut fabric for her to make pillowcases. She has such beautiful fabric. It is so much fun to match the fabric out of her cupboard to make pillowcases. And then we went to lunch! We meet every Wednesday at 9 AM at the clubhouse in Lakewood Village, Harlingen. We are an open bee. All are welcome! If you have any questions call me Jackie Heyes, 956-421-2290

Llano Grande Quilting Bee has about 15 members that are year round residents in the valley. This summer we are meeting for breakfast on Monday mornings for a social time. Each Thursday we have a sew day where we work on various community projects for our Bee. The members are also taking advantage if the new ZUKI Longarm with training sessions, practice time, and stitching of community service quilts. The Bee will host the RGVQG FRIENDSHIP DAY on September 8, 2017 at the Hynes Event Center.

Joy Paugh

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Quilt Show January 26, 27, 2018

How many members have booked the quilt for selling tickets on the quilt so we can achieve our sales goal of 15000 tickets by the time of the show.? Members You should also recognize they get a ticket for every book sold as an opportunity to win a sewing machine to be drawn at the February meeting.

Alice Gibson,

Challenge project

The theme of the 2018 Quilt Show is "SEWING WITH A STAR". Like many of you I had a special "STAR" in my life- one who offered encouragement in my sewing projects just when I needed it the most.

This years CHALLENGE is to choose a "Star" that has influenced your quilting journey. Make a quilt (24X24" maximum) that represents how your star influenced you. Then WRITE a short story on why you chose this person and place it on the front of your quilt for display. AND of course ENTER YOUR CHALLENGE in next year's quilt show for all to see.

This is a FUN project and to entice you even more there will be monetary rewards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. So put on your thinking cap and have fun this summer. Wouldn't it be nice to have 100 CHALLENGES on display at the quilt show?

Can't wait to see your CHALLENGE!

Paula McCutchan

Challenge coordinator

RGVQG 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 **287** 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 – Joan Polk and Darlene Coleman.

Welcome back returning members – Yvonne Rising.

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. 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) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

Quilt Shop News



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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, Bonnie Hall, webmaster



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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