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Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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Presidents Piece



I thought things were supposed to slow down during the summer. If so, I missed the lesson on how that happens. The past month has been a really busy one. I've worked on getting the military service quilts ready to hand out on July 4th, had a week of Long-arm quilting lessons, and done my usual things like housework and laundry.

I am happy to report that we have more than enough quilts ready to hand out to meet the requests from the veterans home and all the individual requests we have gotten since the quilt show. We are planning to present about 140 quilts to the residents of the Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home in the morning on July 4th. I would love to have as many of you as possible join us to hand these quilts out. We will go in groups of 2 or 3 with one of the nurses or aides to each room to present the quilts and to put each residents name on their quilt. If we have lots of help, this should only take a couple of hours and each of you should get a chance to see how much the quilts are appreciated. I will post the time and address on the website, the Facebook page, and ask Bonnie to send out emails to everyone. I hope you can join us for a wonderful morning!

In addition to those quilts, Chris Cowan is setting up presentations for 23 other veterans. She will post the times and locations for those presentations on Facebook. Please keep an eye on that too. We should try to have several guild members at all presentations to show our support of our veterans.

It's hard to imagine, but it's time to nominate new officers. This year we will be electing a new President, Secretary, and Program Chairperson. I believe our current Program Chair (Judy Brown) will be staying on. At least I hope so because she is doing a great job! These are all important jobs in our guild and deserve the best people to fill them. Please give some thought to who might be good at these positions and contact the Nominating committee with any recommendations. Even better, volunteer for one of the jobs yourself. We will enjoy your time, have interesting people to work with, and help keep our guild the thriving group we all enjoy. The members of the Nominating committee are: Judy Swanda, Bonnie Hall, Renee Darkis, Pat Skye, and Jan Baethke. When you see them, give them a big thank you for working on this committee. See you on the 4th!

Calendar

Board Meeting: July 5, 2017
10: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

Board Meeting:
August 9, 2017
10am at Renee's
1623 N Tower Rd

Guild Meeting:
August 12, 2017 9:am
Llano Grande Event Center
Program:
Scholarship Presentations
Jan McCoy
Karon Jacobson



RGVQG General Meeting - June 10th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney at 9:05 am.

Secretary's Report: There being no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes from the May meeting, they were adopted as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$7, 223.90 in the checking account as of the end of May and \$55,000 in savings.

Membership: We now have 292 members with one new member today.

Community Service: During the month of May there was a total of 194 items donated for a total of 291 hours and a value of 42,109.75

Hostess: We have two guests and 61 members present today.

Military Service Quilts: Chris Cowan reports that the two quilts that were to be donated earlier in the year would now be given to the recipients on June 26th.

Carla Mewhinney reports that we have over 137 quilts ready to be presented to the Alfred Gonzales State Veterans Home in McAllen on July 4th. Members are encouraged to attend and assist in giving the veterans their quilts.

Programs: Carla encouraged members to sign up on line for upcoming classes. Judy Brown has informed the guild that Sue Nichols has added a 4th day to her classes (free on her part since she cancelled her last classes due to family emergency). Members are encouraged to look at her web site and let Judy know what class they would like to have. All classes are posted on the web site.

Schoolhouse classes are filling fast, be sure to enroll asap.

Sunshine & Shadows: Millie Leonard lost her great granddaughter at birth. Prayers go out to her and her family.

Newsletter: Please send all news to the newsletter@rgvqg.com. News is due the 15th.

Quilt Show: Opportunity tickets are available and for each book a member sells they will get a ticket for the drawing after the show... prize is a mystery. Those wishing to get quilts appraised can obtain a form on line. We continue to need a Show Chair for 2019.

Friendship Day will be held during the September meeting at Llano Grande Center. Sign up sheets will be available at next meeting.

Policies and Procedures: The Executive Board has worked at updating these and they will be posted by the July meeting.

Nominating Committee: Pat Skye, Jan Bathke, Renee Darkis and Judi Swanda are on the Nominating Committee. Please submit your nominations to one of these ladies. Positions to be filled are President, Secretary and 3rd VP- Programs. Judy Brown as agreed to stay as 3rd VP.

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The October meeting is our Annual Garage Sale, get your items ready... no charge for tables.

BOM: Jo Corey completed her project with the blocks from last month and Sue B Redd won this month's blocks. The July blocks are any Red, White and Blue blocks (6 ½" preferred). These blocks will be donated to make tops for the Military Quilts.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary

MILITARY SERVICE QUILTS

Summer is arriving with hot, humid weather! Military Service Quilts is BUSY this summer! Presentations are being scheduled & there is the Veterans' Home in McAllen where every Veteran residing there will have a quilt of his own providing warmth & showing the gratitude they so richly deserve!

People are sewing more Military Service Quilts over the summer as we will have presentations to do to celebrate Veteran's Day in November. Enjoy your summer; but know that if you have time to make a quilt for a Veteran, it will be greatly appreciated!

SEWING WITH THE STARS.

An Update to the Challenge for next year's quilt show, SEWING WITH THE STARS.

YOUR TASK IS TO CHOOSE A STAR (PERSON) THAT HAS INFLUENCED YOUR QUILTING JOURNEY:

- Make a 24 X 24-inch maximum quilt that represents the star's influence on you. The quilt does not need to have a physical star in it, but it needs to remind you of the person that is your star.
- Enter your quilt in our 2018 quilt show for all to see.
- Compose a short story on why you chose your star. Type or handwrite/print your story on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. Pictures, borders embellishments may be added to your story. Be creative.
- Bring your registered challenge quilt to the January 2018 guild meeting. Make sure you include your story paper. Our guild members will vote on which quilt they like the best.
- Have fun with this challenge! The person you choose for your STAR may be a relative, neighbor, teacher or friend who has touched your heart and influenced you on your quilting journey. They may be living or have passed away. What a wonderful tribute we will have for all to see!

Looking forward to seeing the challenge quilts and reading about our mentors.

Paula McCutchan

Challenge chairman

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
MAY 2017	
Balance Forward	\$ 3,898.37
INCOME	Income May 2017
Administration	
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	122
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	75
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs (fees)	4581.71
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House (fees)	75
Total Income	\$ 4,853.71
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	11.91
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	535.11
Fabric Drawing	29.06
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	
Military Service quilts	102.1
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	250
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	600
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,528.18
Account Balance Forward	\$ 7,223.90

Program News

Programs update

All is going very well with the online registration system. At the beginning, we had a couple people who registered twice and refunded their second entry, but have since fixed that. Thank you for all the nice comments.

We had not intended to post a class until about six months before, however at the June meeting several were anxious to sign up for Suzi Parron's barn quilting class in February, so we are opening that class now. The wood and paint are included in your \$45 cost.

July's program is our own Carol Hover on fussy cutting. From her Facebook comment, it looks like she will also be getting members involved and not only be informative, but fun. Enjoy!

There are still some great opportunities for classes in November, December and January. Don't wait too long to register. If the class you want it full, please contact programs@rgvqg.com to be put on a waiting list.



Bee News



The **Killer Bees** have been busy bees as we continue to meet on Thursdays at 9 AM through the Summer. Our schedule is very laid back as we do projects as someone in the group comes up with an idea! Lately we have made Hot Iron Caddies; and we Stuffed and Stitched some of our donation items (see photos)...such as Cath-Port Pillows, Bone pillows for mastectomy recovery, and Teddy-bears. This past week Beverly Fleming talked a little about Landscape quilts. We are an open bee, so come and give us a visit in Harlingen at 1957 W. Michigan Drive in Sunshine Country Club Estates. This Summer give Marsha Santow or Diane Tewell a call if you have any questions.



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 **293** 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 – Melissa Arjona, Helen Peterson, Jenny Shull and Gloria Wendt.

Welcome back returning members – No returning members for June.

Welcome back renewing members – Alie Hiles and Fran Wessel.

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)

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

MAY 2017

TOTAL ITEMS.....194

TOTAL HOURS.....291

TOTAL VALUE.....\$2109.75

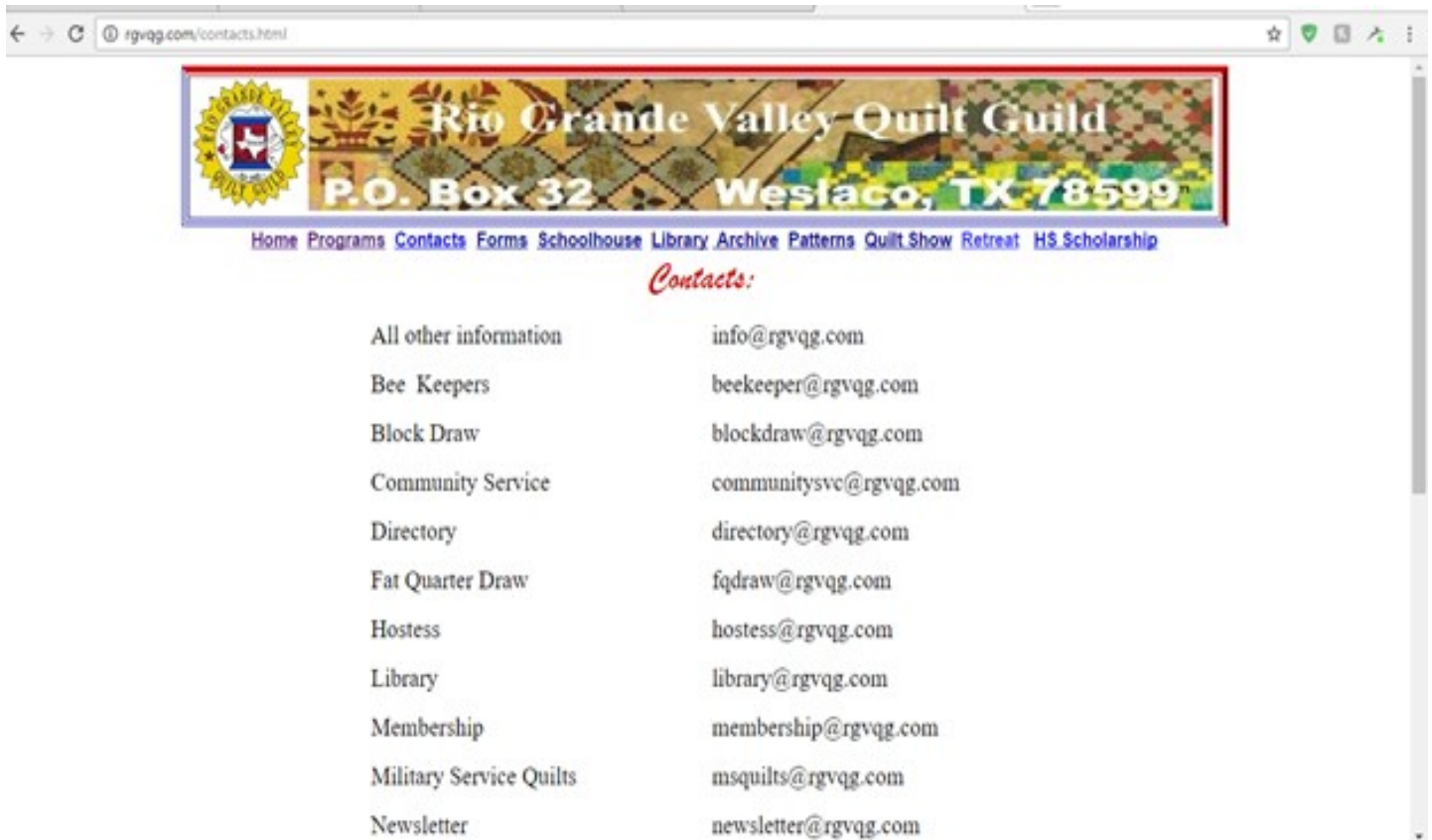
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The beekeeper@rgvqg.com email address goes to both the lower and upper valley bee keepers. Make sure you tell them which bee you are sending the email about.

I get the emails that go to info@rgvqg.com. I also get any emails where someone mistypes the first part of the email, e.g. if someone types librar@rgvqg.com, I get the email and I'll forward it to the library@rgvqg.com.

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

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Quilt Show January 26, 27, 2018

Sewing with the Stars is progressing behind the scenes as you all go about preparing your quilts for the various categories in the show. Has anyone registered your quilt yet for the show?

We are trying to have a show that will keep your interest for the full time of the show as well as Ricky Tim's Luminarium that will follow our show directly. I hope everyone is signing up for all the classes, there will also be lectures, presentations and entertainment for your participation as well.

I am happy to inform you the caterer has been enlisted to feed you when the need arises during the show.

The Convention Centre has been cooperative in all our requests and will make the show a pleasure again this year.

The most exciting news is that last week to the Members is: Mark the Janome/ Elna representative from San Antonio, one of our vendors, has made available an Elna Star. He has included the extension table as well as the quilting foot. package. This will be the prize for one member for the sale of tickets for the Opportunity quilt. It certainly will be worth your while to get as many entries as possible by selling more books of tickets. The committee has tickets available for you to take and sell, this applied to those away from the Valley for the summer as well. Contact Jan Baethke to book the quilt for sales opportunities as well at community events and Fiestas.

Keep up the good work on the military service quilts I understand we will have a good display again this year.

Alice Gibson

QUILT APPRAISOR

QUILT APPRAISOR LISA ERLANDSON TO BE AT OUR QUILT SHOW

Lisa is AQS certified and gives a written appraisal that can be used for insurance, fair market value or donation value. Most Insurance Companies require a written appraisal for replacement value. She appraises current quilts (as our Opportunity Quilt) and heirloom quilts.

Sign up on Lisa's form on our web page under "FORMS" or under 'QUILT SHOW". Your name, phone number, name of quilt and payment are required and will be handled electronically. Non-members may register for an appraisal through the Guild web page also. Scheduling will take place closer to show time.

For questions and further information, please contact: Pat Skye, 956-202-3778

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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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