

# Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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August 2017

## Presidents Piece

This month I don't have lots of things I want to talk about. In fact, there's just one thing on my mind – volunteering. I believe most of you enjoy our guild, but you are unwilling to help out with your time. You don't need to be here full time to be an officer, or to be the Quilt Show Chairman, or to help the Program Chairs by hosting a speaker for a day. Instead, you want a small group of people to do everything, so you can enjoy all the benefits without any effort on your part.

I'm very worried that our guild is going to have to begin cancelling things because there is no one willing to help with the work. The first thing on the list to be cancelled may be the Quilt Show in 2019. We still (after months of begging) don't have a Chairman and the planning needs to be starting this Fall! We also need people who can help with Programs. Judy has gone to a lot of trouble to bring in some really big-name teachers/speakers for next year, but no one is willing to help her by hosting those teachers for a day. All hosting entails is picking up the teacher in the morning, taking them to the class, maybe taking them to lunch or dinner, and returning them to their hotel after class. Instead, Judy has to drive up from Brownsville every day to do those things. She's tired and I don't blame her! We're still looking for a President for next year. When I took the job two years ago, I promised my husband that I would only do it for two years. This is an easy job, but it's time for someone else to take it over.

Please, think about giving something back to the guild if you enjoy the friendships, the classes, the speakers, the show and tell, and the Quilt Show. We need you!



## Calendar

Board Meeting:  
September 6, 2017



Guild Meeting:  
September 9, 2017 9:am  
Llano Grande Event Center  
Program:  
Friendship Day  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Board Meeting:  
October 11, 2017



Guild Meeting:  
October 14, 2017  
Program:  
Garage Sale



# Rio Grande Quilt Guild - General Meeting, August 11, 2017

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: There being no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes from the July 2017 meeting, they were adopted as posted in the newsletter and posted on the web.

Judi Swanda has resigned from the secretary's position. Carla Mewhinney presented Judi with a certificate and thanked her for her service to the RGVQG. Joy Paugh has accepted the duties for the interim until elections are held.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$2,300.48 in the checking account and \$55,000.00 plus in the savings account. Karon Jacobson has asked that all receipts for purchases for the guild by the various committees be presented to her by the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Membership: No report.

Community Service: Rick Redd gave the July Report as follows: 158 items, 1253 hours, and \$9,084.00 in value.

Programs: Judy Brown was not present, however she has been working on the 2018 season classes for the RGVQG. The first two classes for 2017 are: November - Sue Nickels and December - Rob Appell. See the RGVQG website to register for classes, sign up for awaiting list, or check what classes you have registered for this 2017 season. This Tuesday, August 15, Rob Appell's Fidget Class and the March Class by Marci Baker will be available for registering.

Friendship Day: September 9, 2017 is the Friendship Day Salad and Dessert luncheon.

The Day begins at 10am and ends at 2pm. Hynes Event Center. Sign up can be made, by emailing: [mdpaugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdpaugh@sbcglobal.net). Provide your name and if you are bringing a salad or dessert.

REMEMBER: bring (3) 2.5" WOF (width of fabric) strips, scissors, thimble, thread and needles. Dollars and change for the kit fees.

Garage Sale – October 14, 2017

Evelyn Fincher is overseeing the Garage Sale. Please connect with Evelyn if you want to reserve a table to sell Sewing Items. Tables are free. Please, no clothing. It was noted not to use garbage bags to bring your items, as they have been mistaken for trash!

School House Classes:

Response has been good for school house classes. Renee Darkis 's – Class Binding and Borders (February 18) will include prairie points as well as piping.

Sunshine and Shadows:

Maggie Putney said Sharon Crosswhite is home and doing well.

Newsletter: Articles are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Quilt Show:

Remember to purchase Opportunity Tickets, the tickets help fund the yearly quilt show.

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## Military Service:

Chris Cowan reports that the July presentation of military quilts has sparked interest and encouraged requests for veterans to receive quilts. She has experienced warm welcomes at her presentations. When she was in Brownsville to present 2 quilts, Chris spoke with the photographer and learned that he was a veteran. She happened to have a quilt in her car and presented him with a quilt.

The next sew day will be August 30th from 9am to 3:30 pm at Alamo Rec-Veh Park, 1320 Frontage Road in Alamo, TX.

Chris has bundled quilts ready to be quilted. Please contact her if you can quilt some of these quilts. 9 completed quilts were brought to the meeting today.

## Library:

Vicki Guerra has new books in the library. All books are listed on the website. Machine Quilting books have been added to the library

## Publicity:

Laura Nunn is the new Publicity Chairman.

## Block Drawing:

No Block drawings until November.

## New Business:

Carla Mewhinney introduced an idea for the Bee's to design their own ROW BY ROW quilt. Patterns can be swapped. Suggested size: 45" wide (WOF) by 12" or 15". These could be hung at the 2019 quilt show. More ideas to come.

A question was raised as to how to start a BEE. A Bee needs to have 5 members. Lila Helms has a disc that explains the process. If there is a bee meeting during the summer that is considered "open", please post in the RGVGQ Newsletter and also on the facebook page.

A Block Away is starting a Modern Quilt Guild. The meetings will be held at their store on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Joy Paugh, Secretary



### QUILT SHOW SMALL QUILT SILENT AUCTION

How are those small quilts coming for our small quilt auction? Just about done? Don't forget you are helping our guild by donating a small quilt to sell.

Quilts should be 36" x 36" or small (136 inch perimeter). The quilts can be turned in at guild meetings starting in November or to Judy Blum. They are to have a label with name of the quilt as well as your name.

The guild will vote on their favorites at the January meeting and you might even win a cash prize. Questions, Judy Blum 319-551-0658 or judy.blum19@gmail.com

### Chuck Olson Tours & Cruises

3827 North 10<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 203

McAllen, TX 78501

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#### 2017 Houston International Quilt Show - November 1-4, 2017

#### Package includes includes the following:

Round Trip Motorcoach transportation from the valley with pick-up locations in McAllen, Weslaco, Harlingen and Brownsville

3-Nights stay at the Drury Inn & Suites Houston Hobby Airport. Only 10 miles from the George Brown Convention Center.

Breakfast – Thursday & Friday – 6:00am to 9:30am & 5:30 Kick-Back each evening from 5:30 to 7:00pm (Hot/Cold food & Drinks)

Admission tickets to the Wednesday Preview Night and Thursday and Friday

Multiple Shuttle Times between Event & Hotel – 4 on Wed and 9 on Thu & Fri.

Trip Manager/Host from Chuck Olson Tours & Cruises

**Package Price Per Person:** Deposit \$50.00 Refundable up to Oct. 1, 2017

<b>Single</b>	\$549.00	<b>Double</b>	\$379.00	<b>Triple</b>	\$339.00
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Call our office for more information and to sign-up.

# Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
JULY 2017	
Balance Forward	\$ 3,194.97
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Income July 2017</b>
Administration	
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	73
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	50
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs (fees)	505.55
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House (fees)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 628.55</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration, Gift Certificate	129.29
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	0.9
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	642.45
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	
Military Service quilts	
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	150
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	600
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,522.64</b>
<b>Account Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$ 2,300.88</b>

# Program News

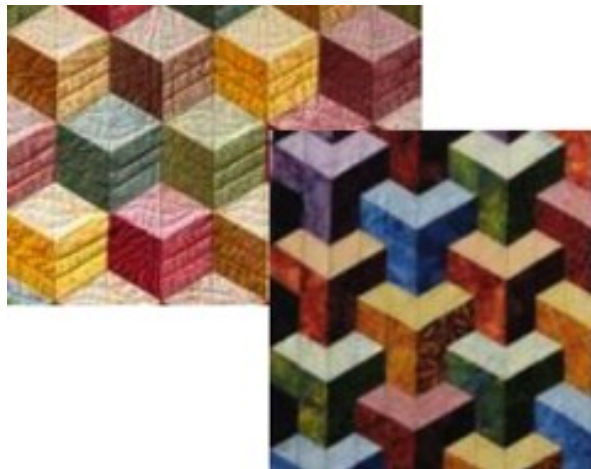
## RGVQG Program Updates 2017-18

All registration forms are now available online for the upcoming season program classes. Most classes have at least a couple spaces left. Check our programs page at [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) for details. Registered names are also listed online at a link at the bottom left of the alligator page.

For December, we have added a workshop on fidget quilts with Rob Appell on Saturday after the meeting. You can view more information on his video at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=GhojSOjTAn4>. The cost is \$30, which will include various notions to use along with your own charm pack.



Marci Baker will be with us in March. Both classes look very interesting. On Thursday, March 8, she will teach “Not Your Grandmother’s Log Cabin” and “Tumbling Blocks/Roll of the Dice” on Friday, March 9.



Don’t forget registrations for the program classes and concert at our Quilt Show in January. These activities will also be opened to the public this fall, but now are available for RGVQG members.

As always if there are classes you want that are already filled, please send your name to [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com) to be placed on the waiting list. At this time, there are no names on waiting lists, so you will have a good chance of getting in.

We are currently working on programs for 2018-19. Please send your suggestions to the above email address. Thank you.

# Llano Grande -Hynes Event Center

Friendship Day, September 9, will be held at the Hynes Event Center at Llano Grande Lake Park in Mercedes. The program begins at 10am and ends at 2pm. All members and guests are encouraged to attend. Please email Joy Paugh at mdpaugh@sbcglobal.net to sign up. Let us know if you are bringing a salad or dessert. Bring 3 - 2.5 inch by WOF strips of fabric. Also, a thimble, scissors, needle. There will be 5 hand projects for you to do. Bring dollars and change to purchase kits. A fun day filled fun activities and fun friends!

See you there.

Joy Paugh

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT July 2017

**TOTAL ITEMS.....158**  
**TOTAL HOURS.....1253**  
**TOTAL VALUE.....\$9084.00**

**DANATED TO:**

**Renaissance Hospital New-Natal**  
**UpBring Faith**  
**Valley Baptist Hospital**  
**Dept of Family Services**  
**Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home**

**DONATED BY:**

**Joan Taylor**  
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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

## Bee News



### **Mission Bee**

We are finishing up on our "Block of the Month" patterns "thimble berries", most are very well done, We've been making various types of bags and a special 5 compartment 4 zipper bag for tools, etc.

We are accepting new members at this time, all need to be a member of UVAL also. We meet at the Library on 12th (UVAL building) at Kika de la Garza drive.

Michaela Kalsow



# 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](http://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](http://rgvqg.com) or [rgvqg.com/alligator](http://rgvqg.com/alligator)



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