

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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President's Piece

This is both a happy and sad time for me. My term as President is coming to an end at the end of this month and that makes me sad (and happy). I'm sad because I'll be less involved with all things Guild and won't see all of you as often; but I'm also happy because I'll have more time to actually sew and quilt.

I want to thank all of you for the way you have supported me and the guild for the past two years. You have been a delight to work with and lots of fun to "play" with. I know it sometimes seemed like I spent all my energy trying to get some of you to volunteer for offices or committees in the Guild, but I still believe that's the best way to get the most out of your quilting life. I know I have met lots of wonderful people and made some lifetime friends with people I would never have met without working for the guild.

I know I'm leaving things in great hands with Kathe`. Please give her the same kinds of support you have always given me and I know this guild will continue to grow better each year.

Carla Mewhinney, President



Calendar

Board Meeting:

Wednesday Jan 10, 2018
Quilt Show Board 9:30 am
Guild Board 1-2 pm
Both at Renee's Fiber Art
Quilting School.

Guild Meeting:

January 13, 2018,
9:00 am to noon
Alamo Recreational Vehicle Park
(Alamo Rec-Veh, Main Hall
1320 W Frontage Road
Alamo TX 78516

Challenge, Small Wall Auction
quilts and more.

Military Sew Days:

Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018
9 am to 4 pm
Green Gate Grove
2135 S Bentsen Palm Dr
Mission, TX 78572

Programs:

January 13, no formal program

Quilt Show Jan 26—27
Victoria Findley Wolfe
and Ricky Tims

February : Barn Trail Quilts
Suzi Parron

March: Top Secret Tips
Marci Baker



Winner of Rename the Newsletter

Our members have some amazing talent. There were so many good names submitted for consideration it was hard to chose just one. Alas, only one winner is possible. It is Laural Powell who will receive the needle threader.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT October 2017

TOTAL ITEMS.....342

TOTAL HOURS.....3044

TOTAL VALUE.....\$22,069.00

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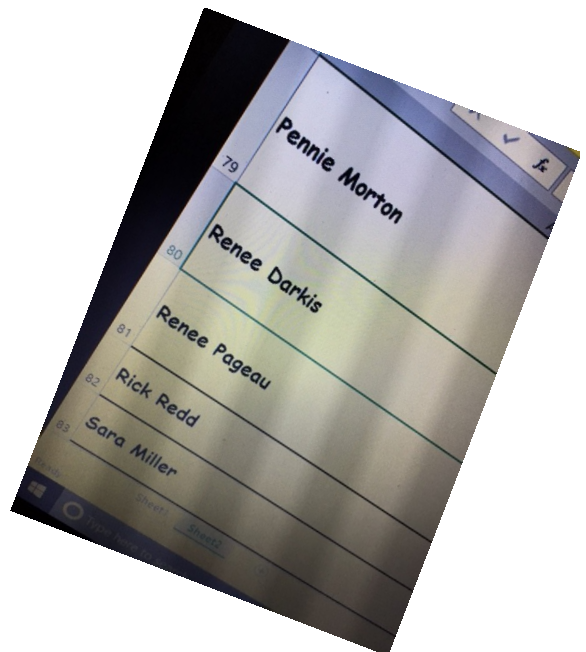
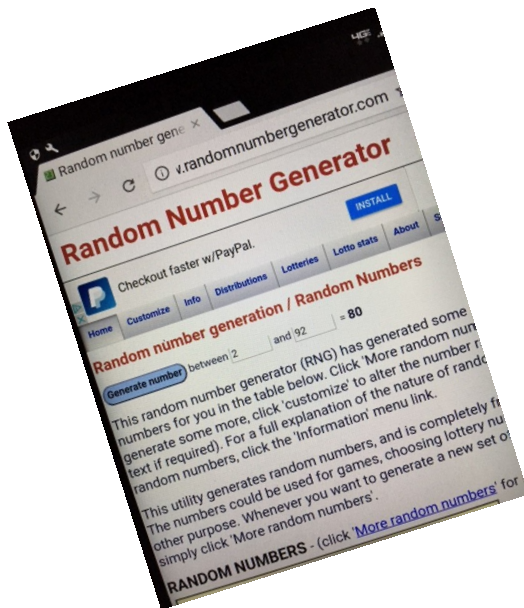
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Killer Bee



We have a winner for the Ricky Timms Lunminarium ticket! The list was made of all the volunteers for the quilt show. Everyone got one chance and the **winner is number 80. Have fun Renee!**





Bee News



The **Row Quilters Bee** meets at the Alamo Country Club each Friday, at 10 am in the main hall annex to sew and share. This year's contest was to see who could finish the most UFOs. Many impressive projects were completed and shown. The winner is taken to lunch by the rest of the group.

RGVQG Upper Valley Beekeeper Report.

The Bees are starting to buzz again, and my wish for the winter is to have at least one contact from each Bee west of Mercedes, this is the Upper Valley designation for the Guild.

My email: eamuz@icloud.com;

Mission Bee invited me to attend their bi-monthly meeting on November 20th. Number of attendees was low as not all Winter Texans had migrated yet. The meeting started with Show and Tell, hopefully photos will transfer with this report. A few Bee members were working on 'Tree Trimming Pattern' by Cozy Quilt Designs, definitely a three dimensional Christmas tree wall hanging. Mission Bee has had interesting history, transition and location through the years. The new leader, Sandy Bagot, encourages new members. Upper Valley Art League Building meets in a spacious work area and has a dedicated cabinet. Many members contribute their time and talents to the RGVQG and we all benefit from their volunteerism.

Weslaco Heritage Bee meets the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings at Grace Episcopal Church, 702 S. Missouri in Weslaco. New members are encouraged. Please contact Elaine Cooke or Alice Gibson. Alice Gibson is in charge of The Quilt Show on Padre Island on January 26 and 27. I can't reveal all secrets, but can say that at the March Guild Meeting the 2019 Opportunity Quilt unveiling will be breath taking. A huge bouquet To the Weslaco Heritage Bees!

Again, Season's Greetings, Elaine Muzichuk.

Killer Bees: Is an open bee and we welcome any person interested in joining us...Beginner to Professional...9 am at Sunshine Country Club, Retzlaf Hall in Harlingen.

Many members were on a retreat at the Retreat House in Rockport. The Facebook pictures show fun and completion of projects was done by all. The rest of us have been doing community service projects, Bears, Port pillows, bone pillows and some crocheted hats for preemies.

Our classes began this week with machine paper piecing by Anita. Come and visit with us.

We need buzzin' from more Bees !



WANTED SMALL QUILTS FOR SILENT AUCTION

We are still in need of small quilts for the silent auction.

Requirements are 36 by 36 or less. You should ALWAYS put a label on your quilt and a sleeve is a courtesy to the person who buys your small quilt. They need to be in my hands (big yellow bag) BEFORE the meeting starts in January to be in the running for the prize money. Questions? Judy Blum 319-551-0658 or email judy.blum19@gmail.com

Program News

There will be **no formal** program at the January meeting.
We do have much to accomplish to get ready for the Quilt Show.

Suzi Parron is coming for our February meeting with one class on Friday and another on Saturday following the meeting.

In March we are hosting Marci Baker with two classes on Thursday and Friday and a lecture on Saturday at our meeting.

As of December 15th the following is the status of these programs:

Date	Time	Activity	Openings
<u>Ricky Tims</u>			
Jan 26	10:30—noon	Design and Composition of Quilting and Photography \$20	-100
Jan 26	7:00-8:30 pm	An Evening with Ricky Tims (Music concert) \$20	-100
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<u>Victoria Findlay Wolfe</u>			
Jan 26	1:00-4:00	Double Wedding Ring Pillow Class \$25	6
Jan 27	9:00—noon	Partial Seam Herringbone Class \$25	1
Jan 27	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Creativity and Play! Free at show	
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<u>Suzi Parron</u>			
Feb 9	10:00 - 3:00	Barn Quilt Painting Workshop \$45	Full
Feb 10	10:30 - 11:30	Barn Quilt Trail	Guild Meeting
Feb 10	1:00 - 5:00	Barn Quilt Painting Workshop \$45	9
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Marci Baker			
Mar 8	9:00 - 4:00	Not Your Grandmother's Log Cabin \$45	13
Mar 9	9:00 - 4:00	Tumbling Blocks / Roll of the Dice \$45	8
Mar 10	10:30 - 11:30	Top Secret Tips	Guild Meeting

If a class is full when you attempt to register, please email programs@rgvqg.com to be put on a waiting list.

If you are unsure which class you have registered for or you want to arrange rides and wish to know who is in your class, visit goo.gl/DT9DaN for registration lists. (Note that you need to enter as printed with "D," "T" and "N" as capital letters and "a" as lower case.)

If you are in the Valley over the Summer and have something to share with the group, please let me know. We are putting together programs for April through August now. For those who received scholarships, please advise when you are able to share what you learned with the group.

Although the main speakers are already confirmed for next year, we would still like to hear any of your suggestions for topics or specific speakers/teachers.

Thank you to the Winter Haven Border Quilters for their assistance hosting Rob Appell last month.
Judy Brown, Programs@rgvqg.com

Treasurer's Report:

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
NOVEMBER 2017	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,936.62
INCOME	
Administration (donations to the Guild not allocated)	
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	2640
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost/voided)	
Programs (fees) (subtract refunds from here)	341.61
Quilt Show	
School House (fees) (subtract refunds from here)	310
Youth Education	
Total Income	\$ 3,291.61
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	100.21
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper (Split upper valley and lower valley bees)	
Biz Utilities - building use (not classes; 1/2 storage unit), PO Box, Web	363.08
Fabric Drawing	152.5
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	
Military Service quilts (include 1/2 storage unit \$825)	
President (door prizes, departing officers)	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	171.04
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	247.47
School House (includes bldg use rent)	100
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
Youth Education	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,754.30
Account Balance Forward	\$ 3,473.93

RETREAT 2018

Retreat will be here before we know it. I hope you are getting excited and planning what projects to work on. Don't forget the shops lists will be posted on the guild web site after they have been contacted. You'll want to know what discount they are offering.

A reminder that the Friendship Star retreat is to be paid in full by the January guild meeting. Last day for a refund is **February 21, 2018**.

The Bluebonnet Friends Retreat must be paid in full by the February guild meeting. Last day for a refund for this retreat is **February 28, 2018**.

Consider mailing your payments to me. It will save lots of time at the meetings. You can mail all your friends payments in one envelope. Make sure that the payments are marked so that I will know who is paying if more than one payment is included. My address is on the registration form and in the directory.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

I am looking forward to another fulfilled time at the Tennis Ranch.

Karyn Heaney

Irish Traveler Mystery Quilt, Month 3

This is a mystery that will take you on a trip through the Irish countryside. The winding pattern is a great way to begin your travels into quilting, while still entertaining for more experienced quilters.

Irish Traveler Mystery Quilt – Month #3

Reminder—prior instructions are in previous months newsletters. As always if you have any questions, you can contact Laural Powell at gobquilts@gmail.com

Note from Laural – I was so focused on getting all the instructions out to you before March, I realized I kind of overloaded last month. I lighten it up this month, so you have a chance to catch up. As always if you have any questions, you can contact me at gobquilts@gmail.com

The Center Section

1) Gather 16 Roundabouts, 16 Roads & Hedges, and 16 Cliffs of Moher.

2) Sew a Road & Hedges to the left side of the Roundabout, make 16 of these. Press toward the Roundabout.

3) Sew a Cliffs of Moher to the right side of a Roundabout, with the Dk. Background at the bottom, repeat on all 16 Roundabouts. Press toward the Roundabout.



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild – General Meeting – December 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:56 A.M. by Carla Mewhinney, President.

Secretary Minutes from November. Correction was made to the November 11, 2017 minutes. REMOVED: The member that sells the most tickets for the opportunity quilt will win the Elna sewing machine that was on display today. REPLACED WITH: For each book of opportunity tickets sold a ticket is placed in a drawing for the Elna sewing machine on display today.

Treasurers Report: \$3,473.93 balance. Thankyou cards were read from recipients of quilts given away on Veterans Day.

Membership: (Bonnie Hall) The guild now has 341 members. Today 144 members plus 8 guests.

Beekeepers: Elaine Muzichuk is Upper Valley Beekeeper, Terry Davis is the lower valley beekeeper. Contact them if you would like them to come to your meeting.

Retreat Report: (Karyn Heaney) March 12-16, 2018 Friendship Star retreat. Full payment due January 2018 meeting. Full Refund before February 21, 2018. March 18-22, 2018 Bluebonnet retreat. Full payment due February 2018 meeting. Full Refund before February 28, 2018.

Quilt Show Appraiser: (Pat Skye) Importance of having your quilt appraised was discussed.

Fat Quarter Draw: (Subie and Rick Redd)

Community Service Report: (Rick Redd) See newsletter.

Newsletter. (Diana Wolfe) Articles due December 15, 2017.

Library: (Vicki Guerra) Website has full list of library books.

Quilt Show Volunteer Sign Up: Please sign up to volunteer at the show. When volunteers arrive for their duty at the quilt show, a ticket is placed in a drawing for the Ricky Tims Luminarium (Mon-Tues, Jan 29-30, 2018).

School House Classes: (Karen Dill) There are openings in all classes.

Programs: (Judy Brown) Judy encouraged the guild to sign up for the classes at the RGVQ Show. Victoria Findlay Wolfe and Ricky Tims. Pick up cards that list the programs for the 2017-2018 season as well as 2018-2019 program preview.

Military Service: Military Service needs a new chairman. This is the largest charity effort for our guild. The next military quilt sew day is January 17, 2019 at Trophy Gardens. Also, January 9, 2018 Green Gate will also have a sew day. See Carla for military service quilt kit to sew.

Sunshine and Shadows: (Maggie Putney) Marsha Santow's husband passed. Carol Hover had neck surgery.

RGVQ Show (Alice Gibson). See the newsletter for the quilt show report from Alice.

Block of the Month: (Bonnie Cassidy) Block of the Month for January 2018 is August 8 Diagonal Paths. Block is 8.5 inch completed. Colors are Dark Blue and White. See Facebook page or take picture with cell phone. Jean Nicola was the November winner, she plans to give her completed quilt to a hospice unit in the RGV. Kathe LeTulle was the winner of the December blocks.

Door Prizes: Carla Mewhinney handed out door prizes.

Show and Tell:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Paugh, Secretary

RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

We are now accepting membership dues for 2018. You may now pay for your membership [online](#) using a credit card or PayPal.

Your 2018 membership ID makes you eligible to win a \$600 RGVQG Scholarship to be used for any National/International quilt show or classes/retreats by nationally recognized quilters, e.g. Sue Nickels retreat in Michigan. The random drawing will be held after the break at the February 10, 2018 guild meeting.

We have **344** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 12/10/2017.

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 membership article.

Welcome New Members – Renita Calufetti, Linda L Gifford, Susan Hudson, Dianna King, Decah Lipscomb, Janice Mathias, Ingrid Pietsch, Kathleen Snyder, Carol Sylvester, Beverly Widdow.

Welcome back returning members – Judy Bergman, Susan Coleman, Lila Hetzler, Heather Nelson, Gayle Steinbeck, Karen Thompson, Thelma Woods.

Welcome back renewing members – Doris Anderson, Judy Antonovich, Peggy Barrow, Judy Bassett, Judy Blum, Judy Brown, Donna Brown, Mary Camp, Pat Cooper, Sharon Crosswhite, Terry Davis, Edna Day, Karen Dill, Kris Driscoll, Brenda Dunn, Evelyn Fincher, Betty Fiser, Karen Forbes, Alice Gibson, Carolyn Gottfried, Sharon Gulyban, Sandy Gurney, Linda A Haderer, Mauverdyne Hambleton, Julia Hanley, Karen Hazlett, Karyn Heaney, Marilyn Hearnberger, Diane Hines, Patty Hoerr, Dianne Hoyt, Judi Jaranowski, Lynne Johnson, Maria King, Lucy Klaas, Sally Kosmider, Sandi Krause, Millie Leonard, Donna Lovdahl, Paula McCutchan, Barbara McMillen, Carla Mewhinney, Hallye Ray Moodt, Marty Morrison, Sonia Orluske, Helen Ortlieb, Joy Paugh, Doris Pelz, Janette Perkins, Liz Pinsonneault, Nancy Plantz, Dorothy Pomerson, Anne Renkly, Shirley Rhoades, Cassino Richardson, Jackie Ridlon, Katherine Rose, Jane Ross, Clarice Rylander, Dawn Sanders, Joyce Sauter, Alice Schroeder, Patsy Schumacher, Anna Schwartz, Sherry Skridulis, Judi Swanda, Darlene Talbott, Joan Taylor, Jessie Vandenberg, Barbara Walker, Debi Warner, Carol White, Debbie Williams, Linda Wood, Paula Young

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. Your 2018 membership ID cards will have the info needed to access the online directory on the back of the ID card.

Bonnie M Hall (membership@rgvqg.com) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

Quilt Show Report December 2017

At the beginning of this report I would like to express our condolences to Marsha Santow and her family at the loss of her husband last week, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this your time of grief.

The following is a condensed version of the report I gave at the guild meeting Saturday past.

Hotel rooms available as of last week there were still 16 rooms available at one of the hotels listed on the website, the rates are published there.

Appraisals will be done by Lisa Erlandson as of the meeting we have 20 appraisals booked, there will be several of those on display at the show, this means there are still spots available.

The Boutique is looking for new sale items this year. This will give the Bees an opportunity to have at least one creative sew day to make smaller, interesting, salable items for the Boutique.

Challenge quilts; hopefully you are all working on your challenge, remember they must be brought to the January meeting for judging by your peers the winners will receive ribbons that day. Please keep these ribbons at home when you bring them for Receiving to go to SPI. Your quilts will be hung for voting as per other categories.

Community Service/Military Service/Youth sewing room has been set up for the use of those attending the show having an opportunity to sew and learn from the instructors in the room. This is intended to end up at the end of the show to have completed quilt tops for donation once they are quilted.

Fashion Show is a hot item on the program again this year. The registration is on the website. Please complete the form with as much information as possible about your garment for the commentary. We are hoping for group projects as well as individual items to demonstrate our very skilled designers of wearable arts.

Small quilts, at the meeting Saturday, we had only 22 quilts in the Yellow Bag. This group is part of our fund-raising for the guild. These quilts are to be no more than 36 x 36". They will be voted on at the January meeting, the prize-winning quilts are will be sold with a ribbon so the purchaser will know the value of what they are purchasing. The makers of the prize-winning quilts will receive a cash reward; First \$100.00, Second \$50.00, Third \$25.00. The minimum bid on all quilts will be \$20.00.

Registering of quilts for the show is going at about the same rate as last year, 58 quilts. We need a lot more to have a good selection for those at the show to see and get inspired by. Remember the forms are on the web site and are very easy to fill out. Lila will send you an acceptance email with the number assigned to you that needs to be attached to the quilt and pillow case. PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOLDING AND BAGGING TO MAKE THE RECEIVING OF THE QUILTS TO GO SMOOTHLY. The last on-site registration day will be at Grace Episcopal Church 701 S. Missouri St. Weslaco TX. 10 am – 12 noon.

Receiving and Distribution of quilts will be at Church of Christ 1050 S. Bridge St. Weslaco TX. Both times are from 10 am to 12 noon. For those who are attending the Luminarium don't forget to leave the name of the person picking up your quilts on the form you will leave at that time. This is important because we must retain continuity of the quilts for insurance purposes. This will make it a smoother process for all involved and shorten waiting time on your behalf.

Programs there are still openings in all classes, lectures, evening performance, and luminarium. Please feel free to go on line and feel that you will be able to learn from the best.

Vendors we have 29 confirmed vendors and at least one very interested. There will be lots of opportunity to meet your shopping needs. Ricky Tims will have his store open during the show for the benefit of all our attendees at the show.

Opportunity Quilt we are in great need of members taking the quilt to your parks to sell tickets, our goal is to raise \$10,000.00 for the guild to run the operations of the organization.

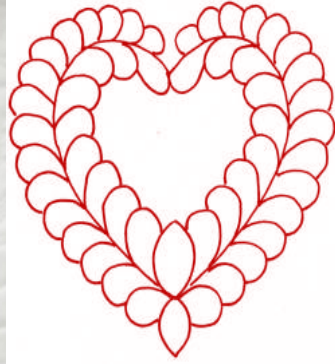
Dolphins at Port Isabel will be dressed on January 2, 2018 to advertise the upcoming show.

You didn't see much of us over the summer but your committee has been hard at work to make this coming show an enjoyable event for all.

We would like to wish you a very Joyous Holiday Season.

Submitted by, Alice Gibson

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