

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

As it is said – Laughter is good for the soul. My many thanks to Pricilla Wodzenski for such an entertaining, laughter filled presentation of “Musings from a Quilters Spouse” in which every attendee could relate.

Many members have already escaped the escalating heat now coming to the valley and many more members to escape in the following weeks. Those of us that remain in the valley will be in our homes sewing quilt tops, machine quilting – either domestic or long arm, making items for the quilt show boutique, or any number of other indoor activities. So it is fun, fun, fun out of the sun!

FRIENDSHIP DAY: REQUESTING – Volunteer Chairperson with Helpers and Teaching Posts to host this event September 8th. The meeting place will be Alamo Rec Veh Park in Alamo (normal guild meeting room). Very easy to plan and orchestrate. Just ask me! Please phone or text (956-272-2377) or email: President@rgvqg.com. I will volunteer for one of the teaching posts and will assist in the planning if necessary. If no one takes on this event, there will be no Friendship Day as we have known it in the past.

2021 QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON: Who would like to chair the 2021 Quilt Show? Now is the time to volunteer and walk hand in hand with Debi and Marcia learning all the ins and outs of behind the scenes of a Quilt Show. Think it over seriously.

At the May meeting I make a broad statement and really meant what I said. Many members praise the guild and many members grumble about some issue or other. My door is always open to either positive or negative comments. I will listen and try to find a solution that is equitable to all. So far some grumbling has ended because the issue is no longer an issue and positive comments have been noted. Remember that everyone will be either positive or dissatisfied, but I do endeavor to ensure that the guild is my number one priority to be positive. Let me know your thoughts. There will be a special drawing at the June meeting for those who express their opinions – send them to President@rgvqg.com.

I am looking forward to our next meeting on June 9th so mark your calendar.

We are all bound together by a common thread – quilting!

See Ya!

Kathe



Calendar

Guild Meeting:

Saturday Jun 9, 2018,

9:00 am to noon

Alamo Recreational Vehicle Park

(Alamo Rec-Veh, Main Hall

1320 W Frontage Road

Alamo TX 78516

Carpooling is encouraged.

Program: Diana Wolf

Quilting and Proportions

Board Meeting:

Wednesday Jun 6, 2018

9:30 to 11:30am

at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School.

1623 N Tower Rd,

Alamo, TX 78516

Military Service Quilts:

60" x 72" finished

Red, white and blue

combinations, Contact Carla

Mewhinney or Renee Darkis

for more information.

Programs:

July: Dora Waufle - Lecture and

demo: Using Mixed Media in

Quilting

Aug: Lila Helm - Machine

Embroidery

Sep: Friendship Day



Treasurer's report

Income and Expeditures RGVQG Checking Account	
APRIL 2018	
Balance Forward	\$ 3,233.60
INCOME	
Administration	
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	94
Guests & Fines	160
Library	10
Membership	25
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost/voided)	95
Programs (fees)	
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House (fees)	103.43
Youth Education	15
Total Income	\$ 502.43
EXPENSES	
Administration (Sectry, Treas), Gift Certificate	66.38
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	0.54
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - building use (not classes), PO Box, Web	413.08
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	
Military Service quilts (storage)	840.4
Newsletter	
President - (door prizes & gifts to departing officers)	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	
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)	20
Sunshine & Shadows	
Youth Education	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,940.40
Account Balance Forward	\$ 1,795.63

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Kathe LeTulle, President.

Kathe asked the members to consider being hosts for the Friendship Day in September 2018. The Friendship Day will be held at Alamo Rec-Veh.

Fat Quarter Draw: Subie and Rick Redd have resigned as the coordinators of the Fabric Draw. Their last draw will be in August. Sandy Gurney has agreed to organize the draw with Esther Schmidt as her assistant.

Speaker: Kathe LeTulle introduced Priscilla "Pris" Wodzinski as our speaker. Musings from a Quilter's Spouse.

2019 Quilt Challenge for the Quilt Show: Printed instructions for the Quilt Challenge are available today.

Military Service Quilts: Carla Mewhinney asked if any group would like to sponsor/host a sew day to see her. Carla and Rene have purchased 160 yards of fabric, they are also making kits for service quilts. There is a military quilt to be presented in Brownsville, Carla is looking for a member that might live in Brownsville to present the quilt. 2 new dyes were purchased for the kits, a Turn Dash and Hunter Star. More kits will be available in June.

Programs: Lila Helm standing in for Judy Brown, reminded the members that Karen Kay Stone classes are now available for registration on-line. Judy is providing first choice to those that were signed up for her class last year. Judy will hold your spots for a week. Please notify Judy Brown if you plan to attend this class. Also, if you have a certificate that you want to use for payment, email Judy and then mail the certificate to her.

Community Service: Rick Redd said that CS is going to purchase a Accu-Quilt cutter for making neo-natal and pre-natal quilt kits. The CS April numbers: 418 items, 2588 hours, and \$180,763.00 value. He and Subie had set a goal for 2018-2019 year for a value of \$200,000. As of the end of April, the total is \$150,000.00, he believes the goal is within reach.

Secretary: Joy Paugh said the April Minutes were posted in the April newsletter. No changes or corrections were noted. The minutes are filed as posted.

Retreats: Kayrn Heaney reported that both retreats are full, however there are waiting lists. The last few years the waiting list has been used to fill openings. If you want to attend one of the retreats, please sign up on the waiting list.

Block of the Month: Bonnie Cassidy said the Block of the Month winner for April was Karen Knowlton. Karen sent a picture of her completed project. Bonnie will mail her a certificate of \$25.00. Mary Britton is the May winner. The June block is September 21, Pieced Box. The information will be posted on the FB page and in the newsletter.

Membership: Bonnie Hall reported we now have 304 members. If you have questions, email or call Bonnie. 61 in attendance today with no guests.

2019 Quilt Show: Debi Warner and Laurel Powell presented a short skit on making items for the Quilt Boutique. Debi challenged each of us to make an item for the boutique, there would be 304 items in the boutique. These are the new chair people for the show: Karen Hunger, Volunteers; Laurel Powell, Publicity; Linda Osborne, Receiving. Debi needs a chairman for the Quilt Registration. The registration will be on line this year. The Quilt Show Schedule and the 2 new quilt categories are completed. There will be a separate category for hand work. The other category will be called Chairs Choice. This is not a permanent category. Each year the chairman can define the category. 2019 the definition will be 50% recycled material. The fabric used must be pre-used or had a previous life. The Quilt Board wants to thank the Guild board for approving the RGVQG to be a member of the SPI Chamber of Commerce.

Being a member of the Chamber gives us the advantage of their relationships with business and groups on the island. By being a member of the SPI Chamber of Commerce, we have entry to local chambers. There is a new RGV Quilt Show Facebook page. This page is an open page.

Treasurer: Kathe LeTulle provided the figures for Karon Jacobson. \$1,795.63 in the checking account and \$49,000.00 in the savings account.

Fat Quarter Draw:

Show and Tell:

If you want to show the opportunity quilt, see Jan Baethke.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Paugh, Secretary



HELP! I NEED SOMEBODY!

WANTED: a willing hostess and volunteers for FRIENDSHIP DAY – September 8th - Salad Luncheon. Easy task and loads of fun.....

REQUESTING: 2021 Quilt Show Chairperson. Begin the journey now to learn from current and future quilt show chairpersons.

If interested: please contact – Kathe Letulle – President@rgvqg.com email

Text or phone: 946-272-2377 Thanks

Quilt Show Schedule

Friday, February 15, 2018

8:30-11:30	Cathy Geier – Maples and Aspen (requires extra ticket)
9:00	Open
10:00 – 2:00	Hourly Demos
11:30	Talk on Antique Quilts
1:00	Fashion Show
2:00	Cathy Geier - Lecture – intro
2:00	Silent Auction closes
4:00	Close

Saturday, February 16, 2018

8:30-11:30	Cathy Geier – Maples and Aspen (requires extra ticket)
9:00	Open
10:00-2:00	Hourly Demos
11:30	Talk on Antique Quilts\
1:00	Voting Closes
2:00	Cathy Geier – Lecture – Technical
2:00	Silent Auction closes
3:00	Quilters' Walk closes
	Winners and Ribbons
3:45	Opportunity Quilt Awarded
4:00	Close

Quilt Show Boutique

If each one of our 304 members made just one item for the boutique, it would be a great year!

Here are some suggestions of both new items and items that have sold well in the past:

Phonecases	iPad cases
Bowl cozies	Placemats
Ornaments	Casserole carriers
Pot holders	Make-up bags
Eye glass cases	Guitar or camera straps
Car trash bags	Sewing machine buddies
Purses/small bags	Sewing organizer/kit
Mug rug	Pin cushion
Head band	Tic-tac-toe travel game
Lunch bag	Greeting cards
Fabric basket	Gift bags/Santa bags
Coasters	Coin purse
Lanyards	Bookmarks



Quilt Categories

There will be two major changes to the quilt categories this year. Some minor changes have also been made to quilt sizes to better balance the categories, but these will not impact your summer sewing.

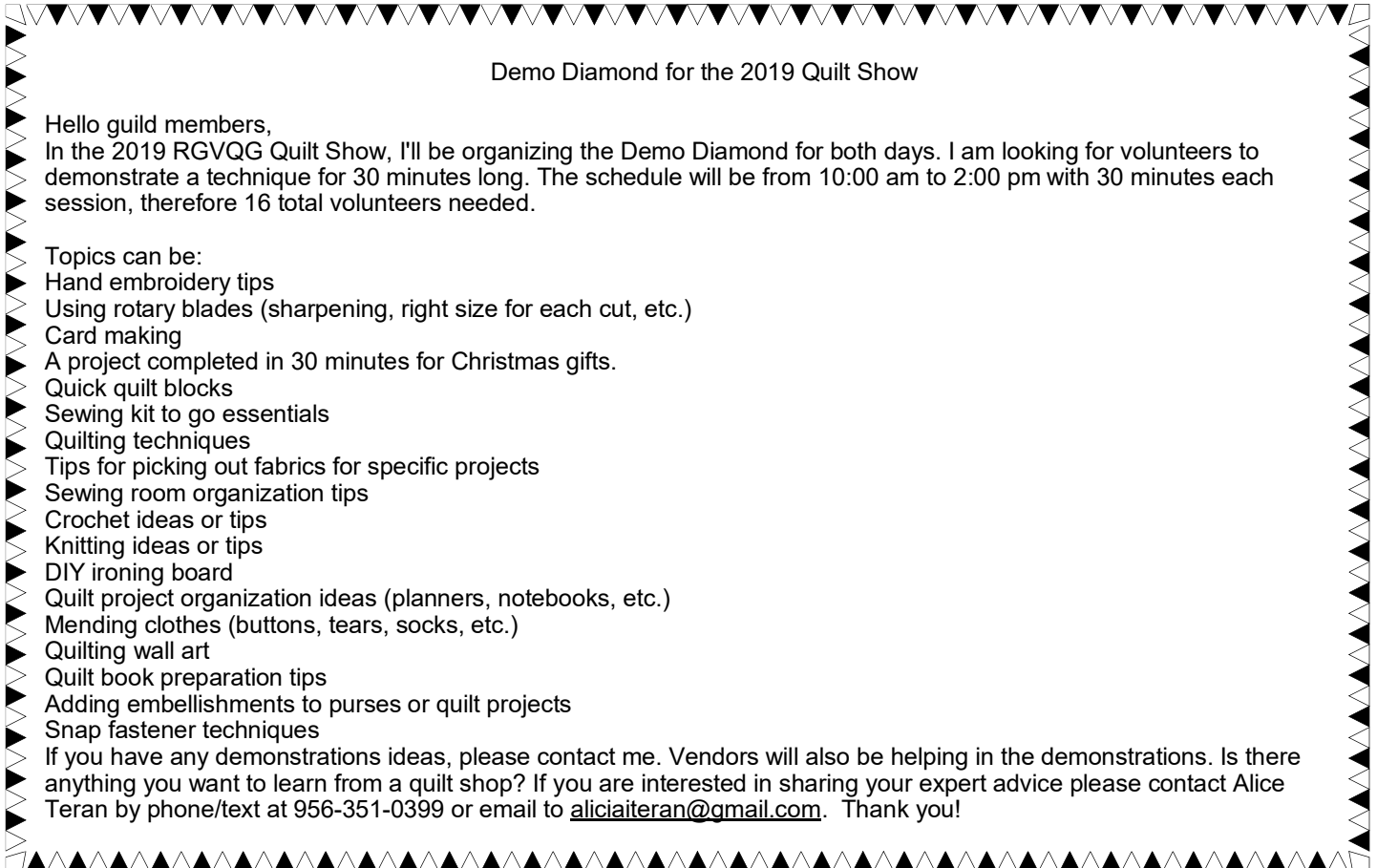
The two major changes are:

(1) A separate category for Hand Quilting. Quilts in this category will be more than 50% hand work such as hand quilting, hand applique, hand embroidery, etc.

A category has been added for a Chair's Choice. This will allow the category to change each year to feature more styles, although these may or may not become permanent categories. One chair might choose red work, while another might want to feature modern quilting.

(2) This is the Chair's Choice is **Recycling**. Quilts entered in this category must have a **top** that has at least 50% recycling material. Recycled is defined as having had a previous life as a garment, previous quilt, or object. Material which had not been previously USED and has been acquired from sale, swap, or rescue from a scrap bin does NOT count as recycled. The quilt back and batting need not be recycled.

For example, if the quilt is wool applique, it must have 50% of it's fabric from wool coats, skirts, old blankets, etc. Please address any questions to quiltshow@rgvqg.com.



Demo Diamond for the 2019 Quilt Show

Hello guild members,
In the 2019 RGVQG Quilt Show, I'll be organizing the Demo Diamond for both days. I am looking for volunteers to demonstrate a technique for 30 minutes long. The schedule will be from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with 30 minutes each session, therefore 16 total volunteers needed.

Topics can be:

Hand embroidery tips

Using rotary blades (sharpening, right size for each cut, etc.)

Card making

A project completed in 30 minutes for Christmas gifts.

Quick quilt blocks

Sewing kit to go essentials

Quilting techniques

Tips for picking out fabrics for specific projects

Sewing room organization tips

Crochet ideas or tips

Knitting ideas or tips

DIY ironing board

Quilt project organization ideas (planners, notebooks, etc.)

Mending clothes (buttons, tears, socks, etc.)

Quilting wall art

Quilt book preparation tips

Adding embellishments to purses or quilt projects

Snap fastener techniques

If you have any demonstrations ideas, please contact me. Vendors will also be helping in the demonstrations. Is there anything you want to learn from a quilt shop? If you are interested in sharing your expert advice please contact Alice Teran by phone/text at 956-351-0399 or email to aliciaiteran@gmail.com. Thank you!

RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

You may now pay for your membership [online](#) using a credit card or PayPal. If you are not sure you paid your dues for 2018, you can verify by checking the sign-in sheet at the guild meetings. If you are no longer on the sign-in sheet, you have not yet paid your 2018 dues; you will have to pay the \$10 guest fee (or pay the \$25 membership) to attend any more meetings.

We have **304** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 05/12/2018.

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 – No new members this month.

Welcome back returning members – No returning members this month.

Welcome back renewing members – Kathryn Webber's Graphics.

I will not publish address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is 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)

■ READY! SET! GO!

■ It is time to get going on your piece for
■ the SMALL QUILT SILENT AUCTION

■ for the quilt show next year! We are asking for you to make a small quilt, no larger 144 inches around. (36" X 36") These quilts are donated to the guild to be auctioned off at the show. The proceeds go toward the many activities that the guild has.

■ This is a good time to try a new technique that you have wanted to try, finish up a small UFO or find something cute that you think people might be interested in. They should have a label on it with the name of the quilt and the maker.

■ We will vote on our favorites at a guild meeting closer to the show. You might even win some prize money.

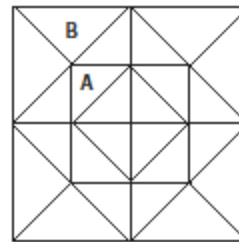
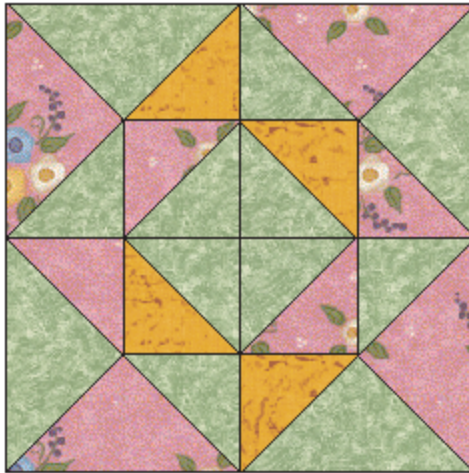
■ Questions, Judy Blum 319-551-0658 or judy.blum19@gmail.com



Block of the Month

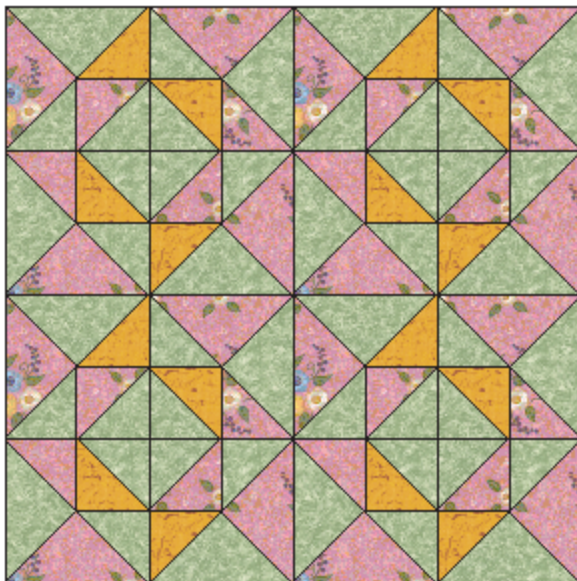
Please use a print and two solids.

PIECED BOX



8" A  2 7/8" B  5 1/4"

12" A  3 7/8" B  7 1/4"



FOUR BLOCKS

NOTES/SWATCHES

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Bee News



Killer Bees: Several Killer Bees have left us for the summer, some for long visits, some short. For those of us who stay have been having fun.

Last week Susan Slaton, is an award winning quilter and sister to a member, did a small trunk show and a class about how to do invisible bindings on quilts. She also passed out tons of left over binding strips from her stash, expecting to see lots of string quilts made from them.

Today was FUN!! We have decided the first Thursday of the month is a "sew for others day" We had our meeting and then got started sewing. Lots of progress made on making soldier quilts and then after lunch we had Jan teach us how to make a zippered bag from a placemat. sure had an assortment of different bags. A fun and productive day of sewing. As we were cleaning up there were several comments about how nice it is to sew and meet new friends.

We meet Thursday at 9 am at Sunshine CC Retzlaff meeting room. in Harlingen.

Row Quilters Row Quilters has fewer people now, since several members have gone north and west for the Summer. The rest of us have been busy, working on both UFOs and new projects, with a couple of members working on their Moda Blockheads settings, and a couple working on the Forest Friends quilt. Dale drove Lucy home to Illinois, with stops along the way to see Cassino Richardson and Helen Tidics, then visits to many quilt shops, including Missouri Star Quilt Company. Reports are, it was a fun trip.

Programs, Judy Brown, Program Chair

Registration is now open for Karen K. Stone's November classes. Links are available on the webpage at <http://rgvqg.com/Programs.html>. Registration will be open for Carly Mul's December collage class on June 8.

You will recall that some of our bees hosted speakers last year and really had a great time. We are looking for volunteer groups again this year. If you bee would be interested in picking up a speaker for a class and joining them for dinner, please let me know. We can use help with Karen K. Stone for sure this November.

Feedback was great on Pris's readings in May. We have so much talent within our group! In June Diana Wolf will be presenting how to design borders and sashing that are in pleasing proportion to your quilt. However, proportion also applies to design, such as within a block, or the stitching design on a whole-cloth quilt.

Remember that registration for each of our classes opens 6 months prior to the class.

Currently we are working on contracting with presenters/teachers for Fall 2019 to Spring 2020 and are finding that many are even booking into 2021. Many of the popular speakers are getting tired of all the travel and are cutting back. Two of the invited presenters are building their own classrooms and retreat houses and were hoping that we will come to them rather than them come to us. For some of the others prices seem to be increasing. However, we do have several very interesting named presenters with whom we are still negotiating contracts. (Everything for Fall 2018 to Spring 2019 is settled and on our website.)

Remember if you find someone great you would like have us consider hiring to come to our guild, please let us know at programs@rgvqg.com.

Thanks to Lila Helm who is filling in at most of the summer meetings for programs.

Judy Brown, RGVQG Program Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT April 2018

TOTAL ITEMS.....418
TOTAL HOURS.....2588
TOTAL VALUE.....\$18763.00



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First Quarter Total \$120,683.50 GOOD JOB EVERYONE!!!



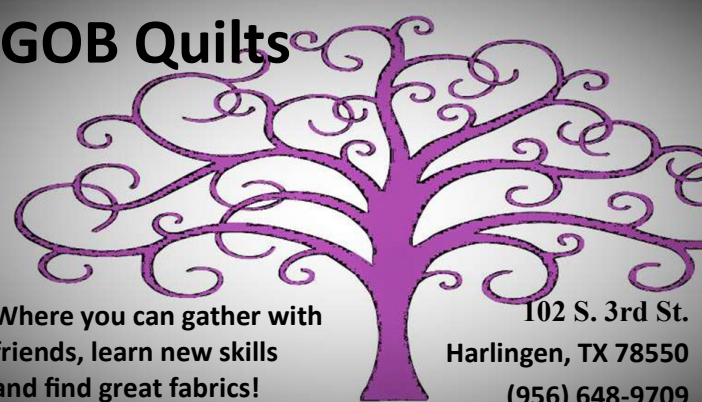
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