

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

ARE WE READY FOR A QUILT SHOW?
HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE QUILT SHOW?

Everyone's assistance is desperately needed to make this quilt show a huge success!!!

Thank You to all those who entered the Little Quilts and Challenge contests. Congratulations to all winners!!!

The volunteer list is very incomplete – we need your help. Go onto the website www.rgvqg.com to register.

Areas in need of more volunteers – numbers are vacant slots and hopefully are mostly filled by the time the newsletter is received.

ADMISSIONS – 4 Friday and 11 Saturday (collect fees to show entrance and give handouts)

VOLUNTEER CHECK IN DESK – 5 Friday and EVERY timeslot for SATURDAY (check in volunteers for duty)

QUILT WALK – 5 Friday and 7 Saturday (Collect money and hand out tickets)

OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKET SALES – 1 Friday and 3+ Saturday (sell Opportunity Tickets)

BALLOT COUNTING – 1 Friday and 2 Saturday (count ballots for Quilts)

SILENT AUCTION – 3 Friday and 1 Saturday (answer questions and help with bidding)

VENDORS – Thursday, 1 Friday and 2 Saturday (Thursday-help find booths; Fri and Sat check with vendors)

Needed are boutique items and baskets for the quilt walk. These are money makers for the guild that enable outstanding program speakers. Registration for your quilts is online or at the guild meeting.

Please take time to congratulate Laurie Magee for stepping up to the plate for the volunteer position of 2021 Quilt Show Chairperson. Thank You Laurie from the bottom of my heart!

Subie Reed has volunteered to be our Block of the Month Chairperson. Sorry to see Bonnie Cassidy end her reign but family comes first. Thanks to you both for everything!

I know that everyone learned "Everything they ever wanted to know about batting but was afraid to ask" at the guild meeting - A Wealth Of Knowledge from Stephanie Hackney.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: February Guild Meeting – February 9th – 9AM sharp.

I wish to thank Bonnie Hall and Marti Morrison for leading the guild attendees at the January Meeting while I attended an immediate family memorial service. Thanks Again!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the February 9th Meeting with lots of boutique items and Quilt Walk Baskets. If anyone wishes to see how the Quilt Walk actually is handled, visit the Llano Grande Quilting Bee Quilt Show on Tuesday January 29th from 9am-3pm. There is money to be made with the Quilt Walk for sure.

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

See Ya There!

Kathe – President@rgvqg.com



Calendar

Guild Meeting:

Saturday Feb 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: Weeks Ringle

Transforming Traditions:
Modernism and Quilts

Board Meeting:

Wednesday Feb 9, 2018
Quilt Show Board, 9:30 am
Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
at Renee's Fiber Art
Quilting School. 1623 N
Tower Rd,
Alamo, TX 78516

Programs:

Mar: Judy Gauthier, Quilts
for Scrap Lovers

Apr: TBD

May: TBD

Jun: TBD

Jul: TBD

Aug: TBD



Treasurers report

Income: 1702.00

Savings: 33,134.56

Expenses: 3678.00

Balance: 3100.00

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes – Saturday, January 12, 2019

9:15 a.m. the RGVQG Meeting began with Stephanie Hackney, Hobbs Batting, VP of Marketing presenting a program on all types of Batting. This presentation was an audio and power point presentation.

10:30 a.m. Bonnie Hall, 1st VP, installed the new officers. Marty Morrison was installed as new 1st VP/ Membership, Diane Tewell was installed as Treasurer, and Rick Redd was installed as 2nd VP/Community Service. Each accepted their positions.

Marty Morrison then acting in President Kathe LeTulle's place, asked that we take a minute of silence in prayer for those that were sick and families that had lost loved ones. Marty thanked Bonnie Hall and Karen Jacobson for their years of serving and supporting the RGVQG in the past positions.

Small Quilts and Challenge Quilts were voted on over the 20 minute break.

11:00 a.m. the business meeting of the RGVQG was called to order by Marty Morrison, acting President.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: December general meeting were printed in the newsletter. With no changes or corrections, the minutes will be filed as printed.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: Bank Balance: \$5,077.82. Savings Account: \$33,134.56.

2019 Quilt Show Chairman - Debi Warner: Debi introduced Marsha Santow, 2020 Quilt Show Chairman and the newly appointed 2021 Quilt Show Chairman, Laurie Magee. Debi asked if there were specific reasons that no one had reserved rooms at The Pearl on the island for the 2019 Quilt Show? The Turtle Rescue is offering 10% discount on entrance fee the weekend of the Quilt Show. Restful Valley Ranch is supplying a bus to take interested parties to the Quilt Show on the island. The 2019 Opportunity Quilt will be at the January 2019 (22-23-24) Market Days at the Padre Island Convention Center. Bonnie Chambers is looking for a roommate for the show. The Paducah traveling Quilt Show will be featuring Cathy Geier, our 2019 Quilt Show Speaker and Class teacher, on Thursday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Harlingen Arts and Heritage Museum.

Attendance – Heather Nelson: 186 members, 11 new members and 5 guests. 21 renewing members.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: Maggie has sent cards to three individuals this past month. Kathe LeTulle was not present due to her step-son passing and services being held out of town.

Door Prizes:

Community Service – Rick Redd: December totals: Items – 1702, Hours – 7871, Value - \$57,064.75. The year to date total value at the end of December 2018 was \$251,778.00. Rick is asking for donations of items for Community Service for display at the 2019 Quilt Show. When submitting items, please let him know if you want the item returned or if you are donating it to the community service projects. Rick intends to have a large thermometer in the community service room to visually show the dollar value of donations for 2018.

Retreat – Beth Kramer for Karyn Heaney: Beth asked that the Blue Bonnet attendees need to pick up their envelope at the retreat table and a few need to pay their balance for retreat fees. February will be the last month to order shirts for the retreat. Karyn will return January 23. Remember to make your quilt block for the retreat.

Programs – Judy Brown: February and March program classes still have openings. Weeks Ringle will be our speaker in February. Judy Gauthier will be the speaker in March. Bookmarks have been distributed with the 2019 through spring of 2020 speakers.

Librarian – Vicki Guerra introduced the new librarian, Susan Coleman.

Military Sew Day will be Wednesday, January 16th at Trophy Gardens.

Block of the Month – Subie Redd will replace Bonnie Cassidy as the BOM Chairperson: Renee Darkis was the winner of the January 2019 Block of the Month blocks. Bonnie Hall was the winner of the December Block of the Month and showed the quilt she made from the blocks. Bonnie will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to be used for classes in the guild. February BOM is Pansy, date May 20th. The information for the block will be in the newsletter and also posted on the guild Facebook page.

Fat Quarter Draw – Sandy Gurney and Esther Schmidt. The number of tickets drawn is 10% of the attendance.

Small Quilt winners; 1st place – Lynne Benson, 2nd place – Judy Brown, 3rd place – Adela Saldana, Honorable Mention – Sharon Crosswhite.

Challenge Quilt winners: 1st place tie – Mike Hall and Judy Brown, 2nd place – Terry Davis, 3rd place Debbie Williams, Honorable Mention – Helen Ortlieb.

Further Business:

February 7, Alamo Rec-Veh will have their Quilt and Hobby Show.

January 29, Llano Grande will have their Quilt Show.

Quilt Show – Style Show: Monica Myers encourages homemade items for the 2 style shows at the 2019 Quilt show. The show will be at 1 p.m. both days, Friday and Saturday.

Show and Tell

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Paugh, Secretary

Programs News

For the January meeting we scheduled a remote presentation by Stephanie Hackney from Hobbs Bonded Fibers. After an initial technical glitch, we learned so much about batting from Stephanie. Samples were passed around along with an excellent chart with usages and recommendations for each type. Each attendee was also given a large sample of their woolen batting to use to make a small quilt or to otherwise test.

She covered the usages and care, as well as the pros and cons of the following types:

Polyester	80% cotton/20% poly
PolyDown	Cotton
Cotton/Wool	Wool
Silk	Fusible Batting

A few of the important facts Stephanie shared included:

There is no right or wrong side to their battings

Do not prewash battings. You can tumble with no heat for a short period to remove wrinkles.

Batting should be removed from the packaging if you are not going to use it soon. It can be covered with a sheet or pillow case to store.

Label your quilts with not only the name, date and quilter, but also with care instructions for washing.

Plan your batting choice depending upon the usage. Is it a show quilt? Will it be washed numerous times? How thick or warm do you want it? If you want to emphasize a quilting pattern, you might want to use a wool along with a poly or cotton.

For info on their charity batting program for non-profits, go to www.hobbsbatting.com and type Charity Batting in the search bar at the top of the page. Or, just enter 'Hobbs Charity Batting' into Google - you should land on the page with all the details.

Several had asked for additional copies of the handouts. Stephanie said "The comparison grid is available on our website, as is detailed information on all of our products. www.hobbsbatting.com/products.

Next month we welcome Weeks Ringle. There are still some spots available. Don't miss her!

Many of you paid and picked up your umbrella patterns at the recent meeting for the March program classes. If you are registered and did not pick your pattern up, they will be available in February at the meeting. You are asked to precut your fabric before the class. There are also still a few openings for Judy Gauthier's classes.

Remember there are 2 lectures by Cathy Geier at the Quilt Show. Her lecture on Friday will be a fun trip through her quilting life and on Saturday will be a more technical look at landscape quilting. You just may want to plan to see them both.

If anyone would like to help with programs, especially at the meetings, please contact Judy Brown at programs@rgvqg.com.

Quilt Walk

We are still looking for more bags and donated items. If you have items that would go along with pot-luck dinner (I added a cookbook inside the casserole and carrier), chocolate, lobster, gardening, Africa, Mexico, Texas, crafting, A Day at the Beach, wool applique and other wool crafts, and your own spa day (it smells really good). I've heard rumors of a tea themed bag. Let's make these a bit fuller and raise more money for the Guild!

Membership

Let me introduce myself to you, I'm Marty Morrison your new Membership Chairperson.

We currently live in Tropic Star R.V. Park in Pharr, TX. My husband (C.E.) and I started coming to the Valley in 2006 for 2 weeks of vacation. Then when we both retired in 2008, we came to the Valley for 3 months, then each year we stayed longer, really enjoying ourselves and making lots of new friends. Since we were staying in Texas more than Missouri, we decided in 2015 to sell our home in Raymore, MO. (South of Kansas City, MO.). Then in January 2016 we moved to Tropic Star to become permanent Texas residents. We love being in the Rio Grande Valley.

I was introduced to the Quilt Guild by Elaine Hall, and I've really been enjoying myself. I've met lots of new friends and enjoy going to Quilt Retreats and making more friends. I belong to the "Row Quilters" that meet at Alamo Country Club Clubhouse on Friday's. I'm also a Sewing Room Monitor at Tropic Star.

Now let's get started with some Membership information. The annual dues are only \$25.00 and can be paid on-line, paid at a meeting, or [a check \(made payable to RGVQG\)](#) can be sent to the Guild mailing address. For 2019 we have 276 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. From the December meeting through the January meeting we have 18 New Members, 2 Returning Members (those who were not members in 2018) and 44 Renewing Members.

The 2019 membership ids start with 190xxx. The cards for 2019 are a lovely shade of purple. The Membership ID cards will have information on the back of the card needed to access the "Members Only" page, which contains email and address information for all members.

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is www.rgvqg.com

Please let me know if you need assistance.

Marty Morrison (membership@rgvqg.com) or 816-686-3467

It's almost time for the quilt show. During the Christmas break the youths got together to finish their quilts. A few finished their binding. Others puts on labels and sleeves. We have a total of 11 quilts registered for the show. Other items that were discuss was the next quilt pattern. See you all at the Quilt Show.

Bee News



Killer Bees: We've been busy sewing for charity, learning how to sew a perfect circle on our domestic machine, cut a baby or lap quilt quickly, make a purse and having a bunch of fun making new friends and staying in touch with existing members. Come and join in!

Row Quilters - So many quilts being finished for the show. Amazing piecing and quilting. One of our members, Dale Schafer, taught a Schoolhouse class to make a basket from fabric.



Sew Be It: Sewing for charity, quilting, fun and fellowship.

Llano Grande Quilting Bee: closed out 2018 with friendship and a look at the future.

At our Christmas Eve meeting we celebrated with Coffee, Cookies, Conversation and Crafts. A good time was had by all as we made a hand sewn, felt, State of Texas Christmas ornament.

On New Years Eve, we looked forward to 2019 with a Guild member panel presentation on Quilting Trends. We were so inspired by Carly Mul, we just had to share it with our Bee. There was lots of interest in the new colors, prints and textures. And we agreed that the most important trend is one that makes you happy. Happy New Year

2019 Rio Grand Valley Quilt Shows

Jan 21, Monday – 9:00am to 1:30pm, Winter Ranch, Alamo

Jan 29, Tuesday – 9:00am to 3:00pm, Llano Grande, Mercedes

Feb 7, Thursday, - 9:00am to 1:00pm, Alamo Rec Veh, Alamo

Feb 7, Thursday, 8:00am to 1:30pm, Orange Grove (and Bed Turning) Edinburg

Feb 12, Tuesday, 10:00am to 2:00pm, Green Gate, Mission

Feb 15-16, Friday and Saturday, 9:00am to 4:00, RGVQG (The Guild Show), South Padre Island Convention Center (check for precise times).

Feb 19, Tuesday, 12:00pm to 3:00pm, Casa De Valle, Alamo

Feb 23, Saturday, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Tropic Starr, Pharr

Feb 23, Tuesday, 9:00am to 12:00pm, Pharr South, Pharr

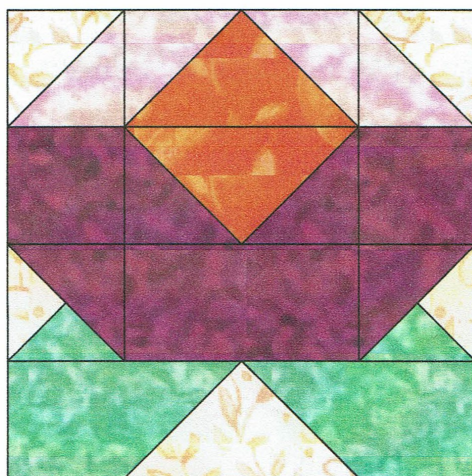
Feb 24, Sunday, 1:00pm to 3:30pm, Sno-2-Sun, Weslaco. 2:30pm - Military Quilt Presentation

Mar 6, Wednesday, 12:00pm to 3:00, Alamo Rose, Alamo

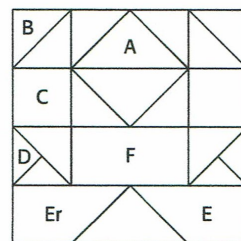
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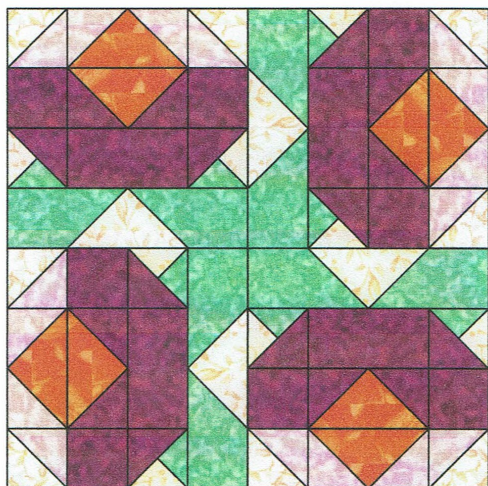


BLOCK OF MONTH
FEBRUARY
2019



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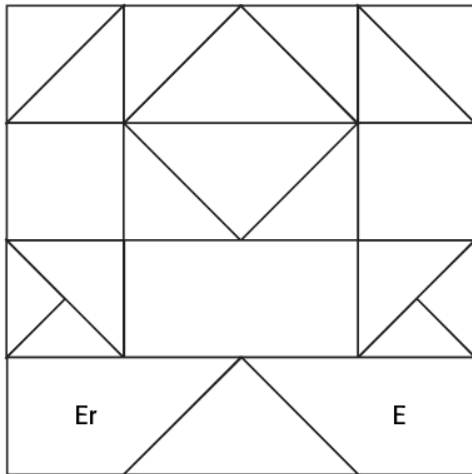
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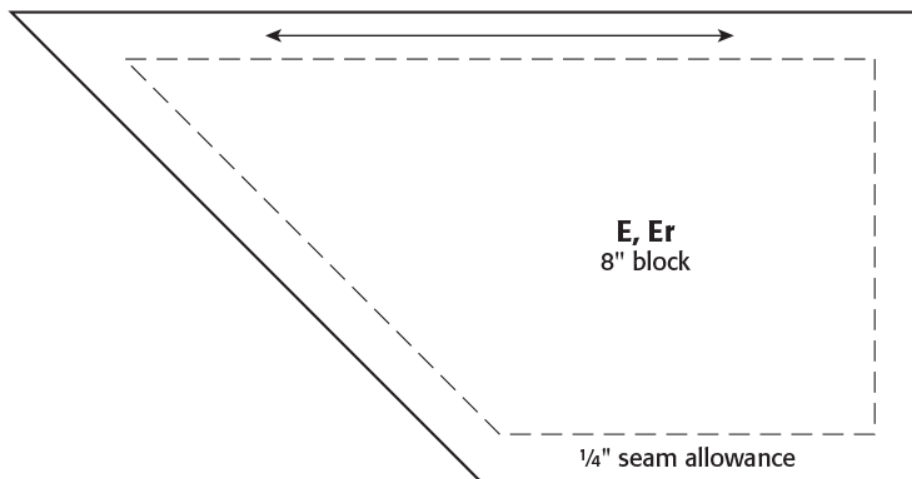
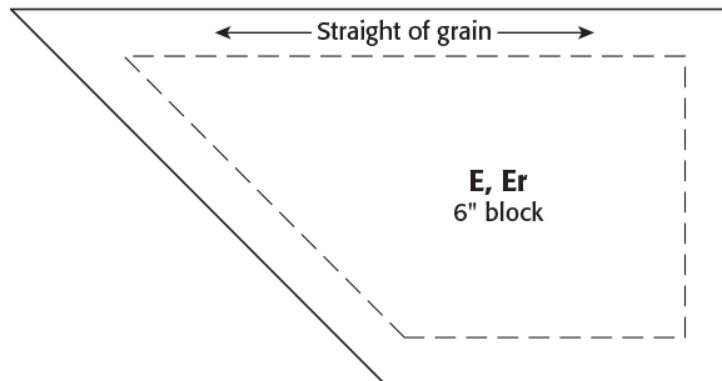
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TOP PETALS - PINK
BOTTOM PETALS - RED
LEAVES GREEN

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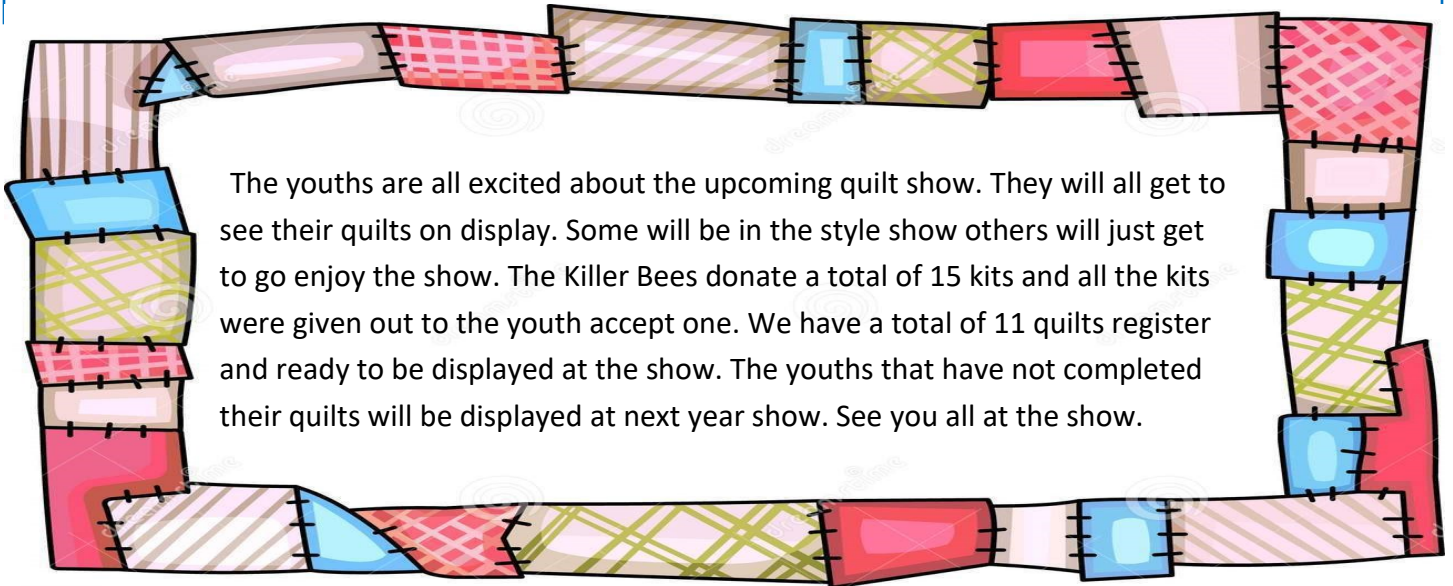
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**The Llano Grande Quilting Bee is proud to present its 10th Annual Quilt Show,
A DECADE OF STITCHES.**

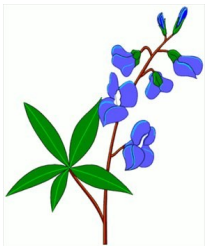
The \$2 admission fee gives everyone an opportunity to win one of the many door prizes including the grand prize, a wonderful sewing machine generously donated by Llano Grande Lake Park Resort. Besides the huge display of quilts, the show includes a Boutique, A Purse and Tote Drawing, Demos and Vendors. The show helps to support the Bees many community service projects.

Save The Date : January 29, 2019 9AM to 3 PM
Where: Llano Grande Hynes Event Center
2215 East West Blvd (From Hwy 83 go south on 2 Mile West), Mercedes

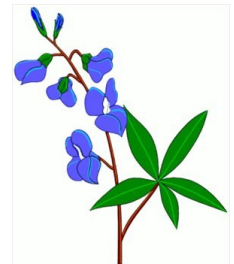


The youths are all excited about the upcoming quilt show. They will all get to see their quilts on display. Some will be in the style show others will just get to go enjoy the show. The Killer Bees donate a total of 15 kits and all the kits were given out to the youth except one. We have a total of 11 quilts register and ready to be displayed at the show. The youths that have not completed their quilts will be displayed at next year show. See you all at the show.

The **Tropic Star Sewing Room** is having a **quilt show on Saturday Feb. 23 from 1-4 p.m.** A \$2 donation is appreciated. The ladies from Tropic Star display their quilts and class projects that were completed in the sewing room. There will be quilts on display that will be given to "Women Together" located in McAllen. Tropic Star R.V. Park is located at 1401 S. Cage Blvd., Pharr, Texas.



Blue Bonnet Retreat



BLUEBONNET RETREAT ATTENDEES: We are looking forward to the celebration of the 20th Bluebonnet Retreat. It is a week of sewing, shopping and just relaxing with old friends. As Door Prize Chair for the past several years we have noticed many of the quilt shops we have enjoyed have closed or are just not able to give many door prizes for our retreat. Since we ALL enjoy door prizes we are again asking for your help. If you have a pattern or ruler you accidentally bought two of or perhaps books, patterns, charm packs, jelly rolls, sewing notions, etc. that you no longer need would you donate them for our retreat? If so please bring your items to the February meeting and we will have a tote at the retreat table. Your help is appreciated. Paula McCutchan and Ellen Kizzar

Cathy Geier, our Featured Quilter and Teacher for our Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

created the quilt shown on the right. As a finalist in an international contest, "New Quilts from an Old Favorite: Bow Tie", she used several different types of cloth material and several inks and markers. Her mastery of various techniques using those materials combined with machine piecing and quilting, applique and liquid thread fusing resulted in a stunning quilt. She will be presenting detailed information on it and other quilts selected for the traveling exhibition of quilts for the National Quilt Museum on Feb 14, Thursday at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. The exhibit is Jan 10 to Feb 17, 2019 and the museum is open Tues through Sat from 10 am to 4 pm, and again on Sun 1 pm to 4 pm, located at 2425 Boxwood St, Harlingen TX 78550. Their phone is 956 216 4901. She will be teaching classes at our quilt show



Custom Quilting Services

We are offering quilting services to the community from our studios in Mission, Texas.

The prices below are for standard edge to edge designs. The batting we furnish is Quilters Dream 80% cotton 20% polyester. We have over 3,000 quilting patterns to choose from and over 100 thread colors.

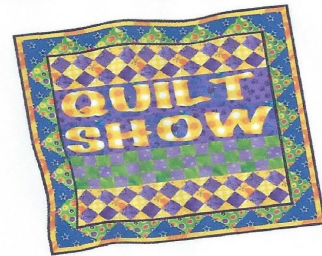
SIZE	DIMENSION	BATTING	QUILTING
KING	110 X 96	\$ 50.00	\$ 211.00
QUEEN	92 X 96	\$ 38.00	\$ 177.00
FULL	86 X 91	\$ 30.00	\$ 157.00
TWIN	71 X 91	\$ 23.00	\$ 129.00

We will use batting that you provide. If you choose to provide your own, you should let us know which batting you are considering to determine if it's compatible with our machines.

Call Bob @ 972-922-7121 or

Email: robertmparton@gmail.com

RIVERBEND NEEDLEBENDERS



QUILT AND CRAFT SHOW

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019
11:00am to 2:00pm
RIVER BEND RESORT CLUB HOUSE
4551 MILITARY HWY. 281
BROWNSVILLE

COME AND SEE THE MANY QUILTS

*VISIT THE CRAFTERS WHO WILL HAVE
ITEMS FOR SALE*

PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN OUR WONDERFUL QUILT

The raffle quilt is on display in the office. You can purchase tickets there or from any guild member.
QUILT RAFFLE DRAW - 2:00PM

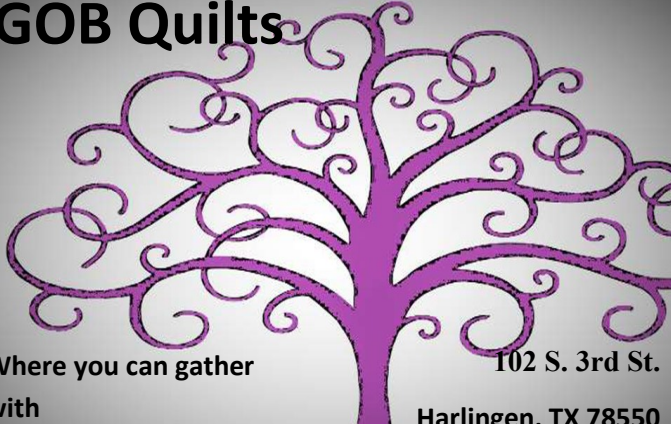
The 19th Annual Quilt & Hobby Show at Alamo Rec Veh Park will be held on Thursday, February 7th from 9 am to 1 pm. Quilts and Hobby items made by the Residents of the Park will be on display. A \$2.00 Donation at the door will make you eligible for various door prizes and a quilt to be given away. All proceeds go towards "Helping Hands Sewing Club" to aid in their efforts to provide quilts, chemo hats and bibs and other items to those in need in the Valley.

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