

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

A number of attendees at the June Guild Meeting wished they were stuffed in a suitcase and a spectator on all the adventures to quilt shops and exhibits that Bonnie and Mike Hall have visited. Anything you wished to know about Quilt Shop Hops, Quilt Shows and exhibits was thoroughly explained. They have planned the routes per day and ensured their goals were met. The display of quilts from different Quilt Shop Hops and Quilt Shows was spectacular. Just to know that we can plan our own adventures to these events was a great eye opener. Hope all will plan adventures as they travel from place to place within the state of Texas and to points North, South, East and West. Thank goodness for all the search engines out there as well as quilt magazines outlining Quilt Shows and Shops anywhere you may be traveling. Thanks to Bonnie and Mike Hall for spurring our minds to MAKE OUR OWN ADVENTURES!!!

At the July Guild Meeting, our own Rosario Garcia (guild scholarship winner) will present a program and trunk show entitled – Quilting: A Centuries Long Passion. This will be very interesting because Rosario is a college student and her perspective will show a different and younger angle within this current timeframe.

Just a reminder: At the Quilt Show 2020, an appraiser will be on hand. Her fee to appraise a quilt will be \$50.00 – either entered in the show or requested independently. Remember for Insurance Purposes, if your quilt is not appraised and there is a disaster (fire, flood, etc.) your insurance will only allow Wal Mart Blanket pricing. You be the judge.

The appraiser will also do privately and pro-actively what is called “judged” or a professional critique of the quilt. If you have an interest into entering into a JUDGED QUILT SHOW, the private information will be an asset. She will define in writing positives and negatives to assist in helping you overcome negative barriers and become uplifted by the things you do positively. The fee is only \$5.00 with a limit of 50. Take advantage if you can.

A few more are leaving the valley heading north or par  els and Great Adventures.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: July Guild Meeting – July 13th – 9AM sharp – Rosario Garcia’s presentation and Trunk Show – Quilting: A Centuries Long Passion

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

See Ya There!

Calendar

Guild Meeting: July 13, 2019

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: Rosario Garcia
Lecture and Trunk Show
Quilting: A Centuries Long
Passion**

Board Meeting:

July 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm
at Renee’s Fiber Art Quilting
School. 1623 N Tower Rd,
Alamo, TX 78516

Schoolhouse

Nov. 15, 2019

Miniature Landscapes /

Seascapes with Vicki Guerra

Programs

Aug: Kathe Letulle

Sep: Friendship Day

Oct: Rummage Sale, aka Quilters
Swap and Shop

Nov: Cynthia England

Dec: Doug Leko



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes – Saturday, June 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Kathe LeTulle, President.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The May minutes were posted in the May newsletter. There were no changes or corrections. The minutes are filed as posted.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: The May ending bank balance was \$14,934.99. The May ending savings account balance is: \$33,137.29.

Kathe LeTulle turned the meeting over to Bonnie Hall to present our June Program “Quilting Adventures”.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

Kathe thanked Bonnie for a great presentation.

5 guests were present at today’s meeting.

Membership – Marty Morrison: The guild has 319 members.

Webmaster – Bonnie Hall: Judy Brown will be available to answer any web questions while Bonnie is on vacation. The website uses passwords for member specific areas. The password is on the back of the membership card.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: The articles are due on the 15th. Diana is pleased that many are sending in their articles early.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: The two retreats are full. The Bluebonnet retreat has 14 on the waiting list. The Friendship Star retreat does not have any waiting list. In the past, the waiting list has been used, therefore if you want to attend a retreat, place your name on the waiting list.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: This past month 3 cards were mailed. This past week 2 were mailed. If you know of anyone that could use a note of encouragement, see Maggie.

Friendship Day – Maggie Putney: September meeting is our annual Friendship Day. Maggie could use helpers for this event. Cindy Ellis and Dale Shafer offered to help.

Community Service - Rick Redd: The May report is: Total Items: 2233, Total Hours: 4186, Total Value: \$30,348.50. Rick is looking for someone to deliver hospice quilts to the east side of the valley (East of Weslaco).

Military Service Quilts – Pam Manley: June 19 there will be a sew day at Hidden Valley Ranch beginning at 9am. Bring a sack lunch. Bring your sewing machine.

Nominating Committee – Pam Manley: The initial nominating committee members are: Judy Brown, Pam Manley, Vicki Guerra, Kathy Mott, Connie Nelson and Carla Mewhinney. The November elections will be conducted electronically this year. There will be no nominations from the floor at the November general meeting. Paper ballots will be given to attendees who had not previously voted electronically for elections. Nominations for the offices of President, Secretary and Programs will cease at the end of October.

Block of the Month – Subie Redd: The July blocks will be given to the Military Service committee. The July block information is on the website and will be in the newsletter. After the August program, all blocks will be given to the Military Service Committee.

Quilt Show – Marsha Santow: The plans for the 2020 quilt show are in place. Marsha has asked for volunteers to provide Demo’s throughout the day. Sarah Reed is in charge of the Opportunity Tickets. For those selling the most tickets there will be (2) prize drawings of \$150.00 each to be spent at either GOB or Block Away quilt shops. The drawing for the opportunity quilt will also have further drawings for a quilt block designed stained glass hanging and a bag.

Fat Quarter Draw – Sandy Gurney and Marilyn Hensz.

Attendance today: 61 members and 5 guests.

Announcements: Nancy Brooks said that Sharon Gulyban’s oldest son committed suicide.

Green Gate Grove is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner for \$10.00 to support the DPS officer that was shot earlier this year.

July Program will be Rosario Garcia presenting “Quilting a Century Long Passion”.

Show and Tell

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

May Treasurer’s Report

May 1 Beginning Balance	\$15,316.49
Income	418.08
Expenditures	862.58
May 31 Ending Balance	\$14,934.99
Savings Account Balance	\$33,137.29

2020 Quilt Show Hotels

Hotel	Rate	Telephone	Group Code	Adds
Hilton Garden Inn 7010 Padre Blvd	\$115	956-761-8700	Online registration	Includes breakfast.
Holiday Inn Express 6502 Padre Blvd	Thu & Sun \$79 Fri & Sat \$119	956-761-8844	QGS	Complimentary hot breakfast.
La Copa Inn Beach Hotel 350 Padre Blvd	Thu \$72 Fri-Sat \$89	956-761-6000		
La Quinta 7000 Padre Blvd	\$75	956-772-7000		Hot breakfast included.
The Inn at South Padre 1709 Padre Blvd	\$59 \$69 suite	956-761-5658	Quilt Show	Includes breakfast. Welcome to join activities.

Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee have been meeting, discussing and bringing our bylaws up to date. We have included some compliance wording to help retain our 501 C 3 tax exempt status with the IRS and the State of Texas. The bylaws are being submitted for your consideration in the following format: a column on the left with the existing wording, and another column on the right showing changes. Where words have been removed, that word or words show a line, a “strike through” through the letters. Where word or words were added, these words appear in red.

We are submitting this report for your review. We are posting Articles 1 through 3 now, and they can be found on the Guild website. We will be submitting more of the Articles in groups to the members and expect to have all committee revisions and submissions done by August. Please review these at:

https://www.rgvqg.com/uploads/1/2/4/4/124429654/articles_1-3_proposed_changes.pdf (Copy and paste the link or go to the Members Only section and scroll down to RGVQG Bylaws, and then click on Proposed changes to Articles 1-3.

We welcome and expect comments.

The Bylaws Committee will be meeting from time to time and all comments will be considered. If you don't have internet access, usually your park does, or any public library. They can be printed.

When sending comments, please send them to bylaws@rgvqg.com.

Program Updates By Judy Brown

Registrations are available online for the November classes with Cynthia England. Details of the classes are on the website. At the time of this writing, I am in St. Louis for Longarm training. After classes today we visited Jackman's Fabrics (one of the top 10 shops in the US) and was pleased to see this display of Cynthia's patterns and publications.

Unfortunately we are still awaiting further details for the December speaker, so registration has had to be delayed.

In July, we are pleased to have Rosario Garcia presenting “Quilting: A Centuries Long Passion.” Ever since medieval times people have been quilting for necessity and art. This presentation will cover the history of this passion from the earliest quilts to modern day quilt guilds. We will also explore how you can implement history into your projects!

The August program will be “What to do with a Chameleon Quilt Block?” with Kathe Letulle.

Lets find out how may quilt tops combinations can be be made by ONE Chameleon Quilt Block. Attendee participation will open up the think tank and the blocks will be donated to Military Service.



Youth News

As the school year comes to a close, parents are looking for a constructive activity to engage their kids in the summer. Most education professionals advise parents to keep their kids engaged in activities that continue to challenge their brains and keep them learning throughout the summer months. One such activity is sewing. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Hidalgo County is hosting a summer quilting youth program with the Master Clothing Volunteers in the month of June. Knowing how to sew is a useful life skill with lifelong practical applications and many health benefits, said Joanne Ureste FCH Agent. Research finds sewing requires concentration, problem solving skills, hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.

In the month of June, the youth will learn how to make a Quilt Block Quilt. Florea Flores, lead Master Clothing Volunteer, along with three Master Clothing Volunteers will teach eight youth during the month of June.

This is the third year, Nayeli has participated in the youth quilting class. Nayeli mentioned she looks forward to attending the quilting classes, because it challenges her every year. "I have made a block quilt and a star quilt. I am excited to see what I will sew this year!" said Nayeli Flores.



Not only do you see the kids growing tall, but you noticed their sewing skill level has progressed. "I remember teaching Melody how to thread her machine and sew in a straight line. Now Melody is sewing with no problem and is using a rotary cutter!" said Rosie Garza, Master Clothing Volunteer Member.

Sewing has not only taught the youth life skills, but has built friendship and strengthen family time. Most of the youth parents attend the class

because they enjoy spending time with their child and they enjoy learning together. Melizabeth Cantu, parent of Melody Coronado, mentioned these sewing classes have made so many great memories. Stay tune in for next month's newsletter to see the final quilt results or see them in display at the RGV Quilting Guild Quilt Show 2020!



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.

We have 320 Members in 2019. Welcome to the New/Renewing members since the May/June meeting:

New Members: Gerry Caswell

Renewing Members: Cindy Ellis

The 2019 membership numbers 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 and the Directory, 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

Reminiscing about the Guild

Our 40th anniversary is coming soon.

When did the Guild start?

How many members did the Guild have the first year?

When was our first quilt show?

What did it cost to get in?

Are there any quilts from the first show still in the Valley? Who has them?

Quilting Adventures

Quilting adventure resources for quilt shops, quilt shop hops, quilt shows, etc.

[Quilters Resources](#)

[Quilting Hub](#) (there is also a link bottom of rgvqg.com pages)

[The Quilt Shop Navigator](#)

[Row by Row Experience](#)

Online Projects

[NQC Quilt Block Challenge](#)

[The National Quilt Museum Block of the Month Club](#)

[Mystery Quilts Anonymous](#)

Block of the Month

Google Block of the Month,

Visit your local quilt shop(s)

Classes

[International Quilt Festival](#) – Houston

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild – [Program Classes](#)

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild – [Schoolhouse Classes](#)

Your local quilt shop(s), e.g. A Block Away (McAllen), QOB Quilts (Harlingen)

Retreats

RGVQG – Friendship Star

RGVQG – Bluebonnet Friends

Lots of others, google quilt retreats.

Cruises and/or Tours

Google quilt cruises

Google quilt tours

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT May 2019

TOTAL ITEMS..... 2233
TOTAL HOURS..... 4186
TOTAL VALUE..... \$ 30,348.50



Donated to:

Valley Cancer Ctr.
Matamoros Orphanage
Mission Hospital Nursey
Family Crisis Center
McAllen Respite Ctr.
NICU

Donated by:

Palm Garden Sewers
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Dawn Sanders
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Glenda Davis
Joann Taylor
Trophy Gardens

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Quilt Show

BBQG.ORG

Presents "Garden Party".

Admission: \$10.00, 12 and under free,
Active/retired military with ID free.

120+ Quilts

Vendors

Raffle Basket (Draw at 3 pm Sat)

Care Quilt Challenge and Auction (at 2pm Sat)

Gift Boutique

Denise Bartosh, MA AQS Certified Appraiser

2019 Donation Quilt: "Lotus" by Ginny Beyer

Brazos County 2020 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo "Go Texan" Quilt

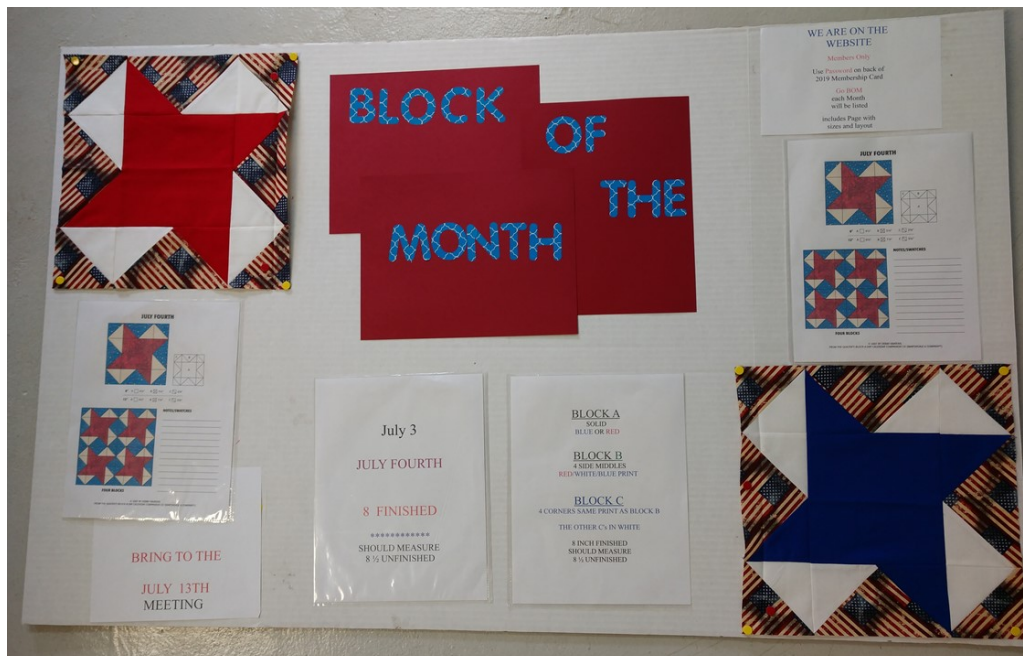
The Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Dr, Bryan, TX

This show is our primary fundraising event. All money raised goes to fund college scholarships for local high school as well as education programs for our members and community.



BOM for July Guild Meeting

We are on the website! Go to rgvqg.com. Then go to **members only** (last option). Enter the members only password that is on the back of your membership card. Scroll down until you see **Block of the Month**, click here, then click on the meeting month or you can use the info provided here.



July 4 – July Fourth

8" Finished

Block A & Block C (star points) – Solid Blue or Red

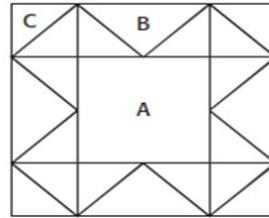
Block B (4 side middles) & Block C (4 corners) – Red, White & Blue Print

Block C – other – White

Please measure, **unfinished** block should be **8 1/2"**

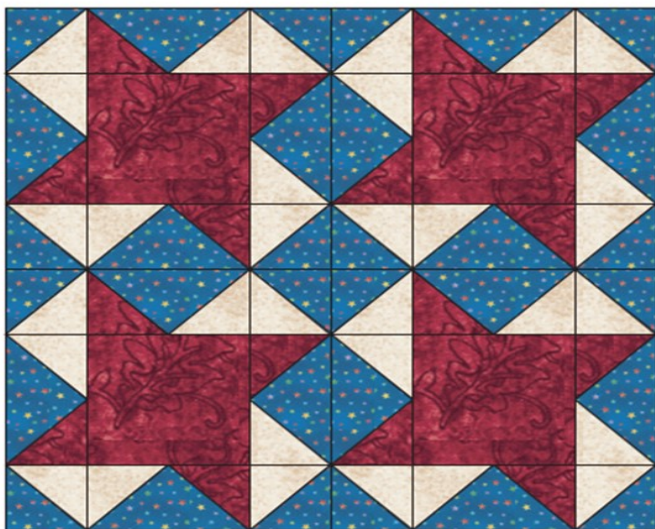
Bring to the July 13th Meeting

JULY FOURTH



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

12" A  6 1/2" B  7 1/4" C  3 7/8"



FOUR BLOCKS

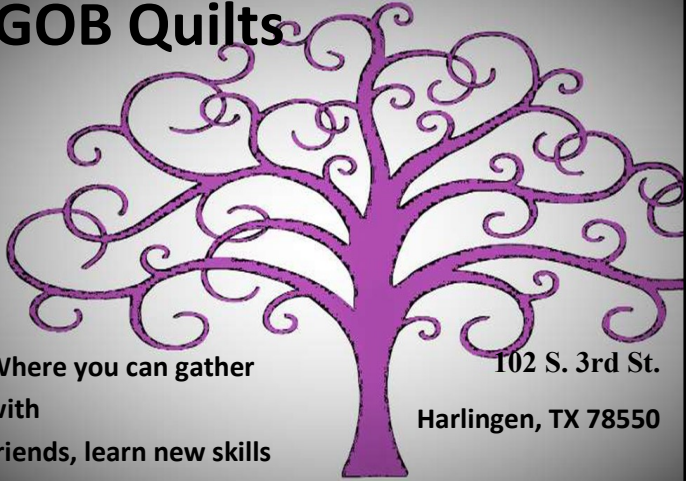
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For more information

For more information about the things mentioned in the newsletter, look on our web page, rgvqg.com or

Policy for article submission.

MS Word or other text document format is vastly preferred over pdf. Please include a "headline" or Header for your article. I will not spell check or grammar check your articles. Pictures, graphics including clip art should be in .jpeg, .jpg, pub, .gif, png or .bmp. If you have questions, please contact me. Diana Wolf, Editor

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