

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

Published in July, 2019

PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

What an awesome lecture on the actual beginning of quilting history for the July Guild Meeting. Who knew quilting began B.C. – Before Christ. Rosario Garcia guided attendees along the quilt history timeline. As we strolled along the timeline, not falling asleep, aptly watching the slide show which showed the evolution from geometric stitching to embroidery to modern day piecing. Thanks to Rosario for her extensive research for a very interesting lecture.

Upcoming events will be September - Friendship day and October – Rummage Sale. Keep these activities in mind and begin gathering a recipe for September and items to sell for October.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: At the 2020 Quilt Show, an appraiser will be on hand. Her appraisal fee per 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 WalMart 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.

Do not forget the **BLOCK OF THE MONTH**. Make a block and join in the fun of it all. Remember to return the guild **LIBRARY BOOKS**. Other members may wish to check the books out.

Maybe I am requesting early – but please begin thinking toward the 2023 Quilt Show as position of QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON. That gives one plenty of time to complete tasks – as theme, design show pin, opportunity quilt committee, shadow current quilt show chairpersons, and show committee chairs. It is never too early!

A few more are leaving the valley heading north or parts unknown - Safe Travels.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: August Guild Meeting – August 10th – 9AM sharp – Program: What To Do With A Chameleon Quilt Block?. See Ya There!

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

See Ya There! Kathe – President@rgvqg.com 956-272-2377



Calendar

Guild Meeting: August 10, 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: Kathe Letulle - how to make a Chameleon block

Board Meeting:

August 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm

at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School. 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo, TX 78516

Programs:

Sep: Friendship Day

Oct: Rummage Sale, aka Quilters Swap and Shop

Nov: Cynthia England - slide presentation of Picture Piecing technique, Includes enlarging the design, fabric selection, and organizational methods.

Dec: Tina Hilton, Malaysian Batik – The Hidden Textile Treasures of South-east Asia



Treasurer's Report

June 1 Beginning Balance	\$ 14,934.99
Income	368.40
Expenditures	4887.05
June 30 Ending Balance	\$ 10390.76
June 30 Savings Balance	\$33,137.83

RGVQG QUARTERLY REPORT & ANNUAL BUDGET

INCOME	1sr Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd	4th	YTD totals	2019 Budget
Donations						220.00
Fat Quarter Drawing \$289.00	593.00	289.00			882.00	1000.00
Guests & Fines	160.00	0.00			160.00	200.00
Membership	2025.00	225.00			2250.00	7725.00
Military Service Quilts	100.00	0.00			100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Income	10.68	0.00			10.68	
Newsletter Advertising	340.00	0.00			340.00	600.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00			0.00	70.00
Programs - Minus Re- funds	831.00	315.00			1146.00	7335.00
Quilt Show	15000.00	0.00			15000.00	14000.00
School House - Minus Refunds	70.00	440.00			510.00	2000.00
Savings Account Interest	1.07	1.64			2.71	2000.00
TOTALS	19130.75	1270.64			20401.39	33250.00
EXPENSES						
Bank Service Charge	0.00	0.00			0.00	56.00
Bee Keeper (Upper & Lower Valley)	0.00	0.00			0.00	300.00
Community Service	0.00	84.00			84.00	300.00
Fat Quarter Drawing	268.61	116.64			385.25	1000.00
Friendship Day	0.00	0.00			0.00	300.00
Gift Certificates	0.00	0.00			0.00	300.00
Guests & Fines	0.00	0.00			0.00	25.00
Legal Fees - State	0.00	25.00				
Liability Insurance	437.00	437.00			874.00	1586.00
Library	17.46	0.00			17.46	300.00
Membership	82.85	0.00			82.85	100.00
Memorial Flowers	0.00	0.00			0.00	70.00
Military Service Quilts	0.00	0.00			0.00	750.00

Office Supplies	31.12	0.00	31.12	200.00
PayPal Fees	86.12	52.40	138.52	1000.00
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
President - Door Prizes, Departing Officers	0.00	400.05	400.05	400.00
Programs	4766.42	450.00	5216.42	12300.00
Publicity	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
QuickBooks Program	76.74	76.74	153.48	307.00
Rentals - Board Meetings	150.00	175.00	325.00	600.00
Rentals - Guild Meetings	900.00	900.00	1800.00	3600.00
Rentals - Schoolhouse Classes	150.00	0.00	150.00	375.00
Rentals - Program Classes	250.00	0.00	250.00	375.00
Rentals - Post Office Box	134.00	0.00	134.00	134.00
Rentals - Storage Unit - MSQ	0.00	769.50	769.50	806.00
Rentals - Storage Unit - Guild	0.00	769.50	769.50	806.00
Scholarships - 2 Officers, ShowChair	0.00	0.00	0.00	1800.00
Scholarships - College	0.00	2000.00	2000.00	4130.00
Schoolhouse	510.00	0.00	510.00	850.00
Sunshine and Shadows	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Web Service	162.89	0.00	162.89	80.00
Youth Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Totals	8023.21	6255.83	14254.04	33250.00

Reminiscing about the Guild

There were about 400 members when the Guild was created as a nonprofit organization on November 30, 1999.

In 2005, Schoolhouse classes were \$10.00, held in a free location. Generally, the teachers were not paid, and sometimes not reimbursed for their cost of class materials. We still charge \$10.00, we pay the Guild member schoolhouse teachers \$150.00, and we rent space for the classes.

In 2006, a 25th Anniversary luncheon was held, which makes the beginning of the group about 1981. Special quilting rulers were given to luncheon attendees, and some present members still have them.

Also, in December 2006, the total Guild assets were reported to be \$50,498.01.

In February 2009, the Board transferred to \$15,000 to savings with the intend to purchase a certificate of deposit was purchased to add to two other CDs of \$7,274.59 and \$7,016.19.

The Quilt Show in 2009 was quite successful, and the Guild was given \$15,000 from Show profits. There was also money left in the Show Board budget for the following year. We also presented two scholarships of \$2000 to two high school students who were going to college. Scholarships were given for several years prior, and continue to be given.

In 2013, the Quilt Show was very successful and \$20,000 was given to the Guild from show profits.

But, in 2014, the Quilt Show proceeds were spectacular, and partly due to a contract broken by the event center, the Guild received \$25,000 in profits, still leaving money for the Show board to start efforts for the next year.

These are incomplete numbers and do not report Guild expenditures through the years.

It does show simply amazing results by Guild members who give of their time and energy to our organization.

Secretary

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Minutes – General Meeting July 13th, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathe Letulle at 9:09 am. She requested a prayer be said for all those hurt in the recent flooding in the Valley.

Secretary: Judi Swanda, in for Joy Paugh asked if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. There being none, minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer: Diane Tewel reports that as of June 1st there was a beginning balance of \$14,934.99 in the checking account and after expenditures of \$4,887.05 and income of \$368.40 the balance as of June 30th was \$10,390.76. Savings Balance is \$33,137.83. This will be filed for audit.

President, Kathe Letulle then introduced our Guest Speaker, Rosario Garcia who spoke on “Quilting a Century Long Passion”. After her presentation Rosario described a project that she and her brothers are doing making Bookmarks out of fabric to raise money to assist students with costs of tuition and books. Several members donated to this cause.

Kathe thanked Rosario for her presentation and a break was taken.

Meeting re-convened at 10:30 am.

Membership reported that we had one guest today with 45 members present. We now have 321 members.

Webmaster: Bonnie Hall reminded everyone that on the bottom of the web page there was sites leading to Facebook, Crafty/now Blueprint and the Quilting Hub. If you wish to purchase from Crafty please go there from this site as we get a percentage of the amt. bought.

Newsletter: News due on the 15th. Diana would like some more articles for the newsletter.

Retreat: There is one opening for the Friendship Retreat and 14 waiting on the Bluebonnet Retreat.

Sunshine & Shadows: We ask for prayers for all of the following who are encountering medical issues: Rick Redd, Judi Swanda, Susan Coleman Kathy Weber and Lucy Klass.

Community Service: During June there was a total of 203 items, for 1340 hours and a total value of \$9,715.00. Value for 1st Quarter was \$66,663.75; 2nd quarter \$70,999.25 for a YTD of \$137,663.00

Military Service: A letter was read from a recipient’s family thanking the guild for the quilt. Unfortunately, the gentleman passed before it could be presented, and the quilt was given posthumously.

Library: Please return outstanding books.

Nominating Committee: Looking for members to run for President, Secretary and Programs.

BOM: Next month will be July 31st in the calendar. “Townhouse” finishes at 8”.

This will be posted in newsletter and on web.

Quilt Show: Sarah would like members to pick up and sell, sell, sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Karen Hunger advised that she is working on a way to sign up for volunteering on the web.

By-Laws: The committee continues to work on changes to the by-laws.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda.

Military Service Quilts - Pam Manley and Lucy Klass

At the August general meeting, Elaine Hall is graciously helping us and will have kits and binding, should you decide to piece or bind some quilts for our veterans.

Additionally, there will be quilt bundles than can be quilted on a domestic or longarm machine. Please take one (or more).

A walker caddy will be shown during Show and Tell. There will be a pattern available if anyone would like to make one. We are trying to gauge interest in this new item. Let us know what you think.

Volunteers Needed

Hello Ladies! Rosario Garcia here. I would like to thank all of you for the kind words of support and encouragement that were said at Saturday's meeting.

I greatly appreciate all of your support over the last couple of years.

As I mentioned at the meeting, my family and I are starting a foundation called the Sew Young Foundation. Through this foundation, we have been giving away homemade bookmarks for donations and all the funds gathered will be used to help struggling students pay off their student debt.

If you would like to help us make bookmarkers, Please use the following Instructions.

1. Cut 2 pieces of fabric in between 2.5 - 4 inches wide by 7 - 10 inches in length. (Please keep in mind that this project is meant to be made out of scraps, therefore, any size bookmark is acceptable as long as it looks like a bookmark.)
2. Cut 1 piece of batting or fusible interfacing the same size as your bookmark fabric and sandwich it in between the two pieces of fabric.
3. Cut 1-2 pieces of ribbon about 3-4 inches long and sandwich in between the batting and fabric.

Sew a quarter inch from the edge of the bookmark through all layers and cut with pinking shears. If you do not have pinking shears you can leave the bookmarkers as is and I can cut them for you.

Bookmarkers can be dropped off at the Pharr Memorial Library in the director's office or you may call me and schedule a drop-off or pick up time at any location at your convenience.

If you have any questions, Please do not hesitate to contact me at (956)530-9230

Once again, we greatly appreciate your support and your effort in helping the Sew Young Foundation!

Merci beaucoup, Rosario Garcia



Programs by Judy Brown

Kathe Letulle will be providing an interesting program for **August** entitled "What to do with a Chameleon Quilt Block?" You will find out how many quilt tops combinations can be made by ONE Chameleon Quilt Block. Attendee participation will open up the think tank and the blocks will be donated to Military Service.

September is Friendship Day and **October** is our Rummage Sale.

In **November** Cynthia England will provide two classes as well as a lecture. Information is available online and registrations are open. You have choices for each of the classes. I hope you don't have as hard a time choosing as I have. They all look great! She is a "don't miss" teacher and presenter.

We have had a change for **December** as Doug Leko has taken a position with Moda and is unable to attend our scheduled Guild trainings and lecture. The good news though is that he is sending the gift basket he had promised as a prize. We also have another exciting surprise in December so be certain to mark your calendar now.

The great news for **December** is that we were able to schedule Tina Hilton of Turtle Hand Batik. Her lecture is "Malaysian Batik – The Hidden Textile Treasures of Southeast Asia – What It Is, Who Makes It & Why It's Important." There will be two 3-hour classes on Friday, December 13, with her "Turtle Hand Batik Workshop - Mini Instant Art Quilt." Each \$20 kit will be one of a kind with a batik art panel and various batik/hand dyed fabrics packaged in a reusable double zipper project bag. You can use the provided pattern or go improv. We will have a sample at the October and November meetings.

Registration for December and **January** with Karen Combs will be available before the end of July.

In **February** at the Quilt Show, we have our lecturer AND Rene Iannarelli who will be teaching two 3-hour classes. Stay tuned for information on this exciting addition.

Coming to us in **March**, Angela Walters will be teaching her current most popular classes - "Rulers and Geometrics" and "Dot to Dot Quilting."

Elections by Judy Brown

The Nominations Committee of Pam Manley and I from the Board, plus Jan Baethke, Vicki Guerra, Carla Me-whinney, Cathy Mott, and Connie Nelson, has met and developed procedures and a timeline.

Nominations will be accepted until the conclusion of the October meeting.

If you are interested in running, or have someone to nominate, please send information to nominating@rgvqg.com or give this information to any committee member. The open positions are President, Secretary, and 2nd VP/Programs. At this time we have three nominations for President and one each for the other two offices. It is great to see so many members step forward! Please think about a position yourself, or nominate someone you feel would do a good job. (Please talk with them first.)

Since there are multiple candidates, we will have new options for voting. Members will be able to vote online or vote with a paper ballot at the November meeting. More details will be coming soon, but online voting will open shortly after the October meeting and will remain open until the day before the November meeting. Candidate statements/bios will be published in the October newsletter and candidates will be introduced at the October meeting. Only those who have not voted online will be eligible to receive a paper ballot at the November meeting.

Additional details will be available in upcoming newsletters, on the website and at the upcoming meetings.

Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee continues to meet and bring 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. Articles 1 - 3 are on the website in the Members Only section. Please review and send along comments. You will see 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. There will be more articles posted after the Board has reviewed and provided their comments and suggestions. All comments will be considered.

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

RGVQG Tidbits

Here are some useful links and the page you'll find them.



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Facebook.

This icon can be found at the bottom of each rgvqg.com page.

Blueprint (used to be Craftsy)

This icon can be found at the bottom



Share a Sale. Our guild will get a percentage of all Blueprint purchases when you use this link.

of each rgvqg.com page.



This will take you to the Quilting Hub maps. Use this link to find all the quilt shops near wherever you're going.

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Join or renew your membership.

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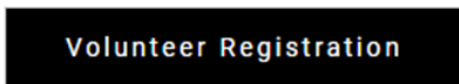
Nominate someone to receive a quilt.

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This icon can be found on the Quilt Show and Forms pages

Quilt Registration for 2020 Quilt Show



This icon can be found on the Quilt Show page. There is also a link on the Forms page.



Smithville Stitchers Quilt Guild

PO Box 465, Smithville, TX 78957

Dear Sister Quilt Guilds;

The Smithville Stitchers will be having its Airing of the Quilts quilt show on Saturday, November 9th 2019 at the Church of Christ in Smithville

This year we are proud to announce that we have Edie McGinnis coming to do our bed turning. Edie has worked for the Kansas City Star and for the Missouri Star Quilt Company. For our bed turning she will be showing the Kansas City Star Quilts. The bed turnings are at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Seating is limited.

If that isn't exciting enough, we also have the Robert Kaufman color of the year "Splash" Kora Quilts. This is the first time and may be the only time these will be shown in Texas.

The Airing of the Quilts event on Saturday is free to the public, but to add to the temptation, on Monday November 11th Edie will be giving a lecture and trunk show on her book "Finders Keepers". These are the quilts that were found in an abandoned farm house and taken to Edie to evaluate. The trunk show is the copies she made.

This lecture and trunk show will have very limited seating. We are offering tickets at \$10.00 per person to our sister guilds. Members of your guild should email us at ssa00@yahoo.com to reserve a place. E-mail timestamps will be used to determine availability of seating. Checks should be mailed to us within 7 days to guarantee a seat. Mail checks to:

Smithville Stitchers
% Judy Rich
833 Hwy 95 S
Smithville, Texas 78957

If you have any questions you may contact Vicki Means at Making Memories Quilt Shop at 512-575-7040.

Sincerely,

Judy Rich
Chairman - Smithville Stitchers - Airing of the Quilts



Opportunity Quilt and Ticket Sales

Ladies and gentlemen we are off to a great start with the ticket sales. Thank you so much to those of you who have picked up your tickets and those who have already returned them. If you would like more books please contact me at the Saturday meeting or by email/phone and I can get more to you.



Those who have not picked them up remember that as a member it is requested that you sell at least 4 books/\$20 worth of tickets. They sell 6 for \$5 or \$1 a piece. It only takes 1 ticket to win.

This helps all of us continue with the Quilt show, the wonderful speakers we have and the space we rent for the meetings.

So far 36 people have turned in tickets and 160 books/962 tickets have been sold, raising \$802 so far for the guild. We have a ways to go and over 300 guild members, please remember to pick up your tickets and sell them.

I appreciate all of you and the wonderful guild we have that keeps all of our activities going.

Pictured above is the Quilt which is 108x108, the stained glass piece, and the quilted tote that are part of the drawing.

Special thanks to:

Carla Mewhinney, Sue Arnold, Nancy Flaherty, Lila Helm and Mr. Helm, Karen Eck and Renee Darkis for the beautiful items for the Opportunity drawing.

Have a blessed day, Sarah Reed, Opportunityquilt@rgvqg.org, 936-933-6965

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 currently have 321 Members as of our July meeting.

Welcome to our new member Felipa Cruz.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT June 2019



TOTAL ITEMS..... 203
TOTAL HOURS..... 1340
TOTAL VALUE..... \$ 9715.00



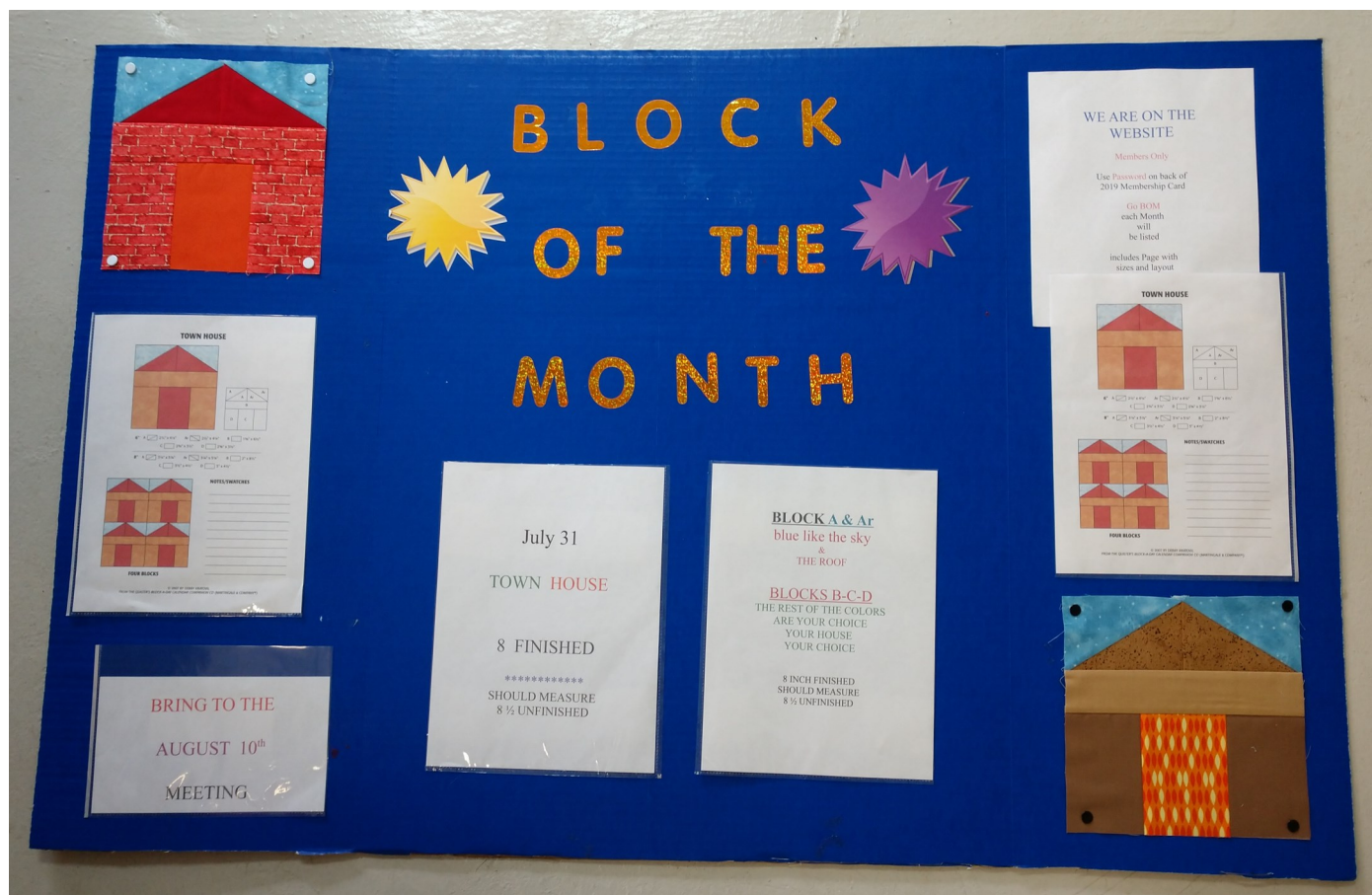
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Items	2291	3066	5367
Hours	10059	9793	19852
Worth	\$ 66,663.75	\$ 70,999.25	\$ 137,663.00

BOM for August Guild Meeting

We are on the website! Go to rgvqq.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.



Quilter's Block-a-Day Calendar by Debbie Kratovil

July 31 – Town House

8" Finished

Block A & AR – Blue sky & roof (your choice)

Block B, C, D – rest of the colors your choice, your house, your choice

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

Bring to the August 10th Meeting

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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 rgvqg.com/alligator

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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