

# Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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## PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

Oh What Fun We Had! Sorry is you missed Friendship Day because you missed an awesome time. Maggie Putney and team did a fantastic job. Plenty of yummy salads and desserts and the entertainment was FUN FUN FUN. After a very short meeting, the fun began. Each attendee was requested to bring 5 strips of 2-1/2" fabrics plus a gently used item and received a drawing ticket at sign-in. This drawing ticket was ever so important because it was your ticket to a prize. There were 10 tables and each table played the game LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER until a winner. Each winner was given a crown then the run-off began. Sondra Bagot was the ultimate winner of 100 strips. The remainder of the attendees had a puzzle to complete with the first three winners receiving prizes.

Has anyone ever tried to get 74 attendees to grab a fat quarter and form 3 – yes 3 – lines? My hat goes off to Dale Shafer for organizing this game – all one had to do was lob the fab quarter into a bucket to keep it. Not too many winners but fun for all. Ticket time has finally arrived – drawings began and when all the prizes were given out then the gently used items was brought forward from the stage. This began the keep or steal auction and the items picked were to be stolen ONE time ONLY. Fun was had by all attendees with plenty of laughter and some stealing also.

This year our treasurer, Diane Tewell, has been focusing on the guild finances and ways to ensure the continuation of the Guild by keeping the financial status very visible. She has analyzed income and expense category for reductions or increases of income and will give her recommendations to your board. The Board will review and post in the November newsletter and the members will vote on the budget at the November meeting. She has done a very in-depth study of finances and we owe her thanks for her diligence.

Please take the time to read over the new By-Laws and Standing rules that were approved by your board, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2019, on The Guild website – [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com) and are now in effect as per the previous By-Laws.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: October – Grannie's Attic – Short Guild Meeting – October 12<sup>th</sup> – 9AM.**

**TO RESERVE A TABLE** - please contact: Karon Jacobson, 956-578-3032 or [gtданemd@yahoo.com](mailto:gtданemd@yahoo.com)

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

See Ya There! Safe Travels!

Kathe – [President@rgvqg.com](mailto:President@rgvqg.com) 956-272-2377



## Calendar New location

### Guild Meeting:

October 12, 2019, 9:00 am to 12

### Trophy Gardens

800 FM 495

Alamo TX 78516

Located between Alamo Road and Tower Road North of I-2. If you are traveling from the West on State Highway 495, your destination is the first RV Park on the North (left) side of the highway. If you are traveling from the East on State Highway 495, your destination is the second RV Park on the North (right) side of the highway. Advise the Gate Guard that you are attending The Guild Monthly Meeting and come on in. Parking in front and more in back with more handicapped spaces. There is a doorway on both sides of the building.

**Oct Program: Granny's Attic aka Quilters Swap and Shop**

### **Board Meetings: Trophy Gardens**

Show Board: 9:30 am

Board: 1:00 pm

**Nov Required business** - Election of Officers, vote on annual budget. New bylaws are in effect now.

**November Program:** 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 Southeast Asia

## Treasurer's Report August 2019

<b>August 1, 2019 Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$8,018.44</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>1,399.30</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>264.14</b>
<b>August 31, 2019 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$6,883.28</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>33,140.05</b>
<b>Retreat</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>

## Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee presented their final report to the Board which passed the revised bylaws. They are posted on the Guild website. In the future, the membership will vote on bylaws changes and significant financial matters. Policies and Procedures was renamed Standing Rules and it lists the duties and responsibilities of standing committees and other things.

I encourage everyone to go the RGVQG.com website, go to Members Only page and scroll down to the last paragraph for the links to the Bylaws and the Standing Rules. Or, try this link: <https://www.rgvqg.com/members-only.html> You do have to log in to the Members Only section of the website. If you have questions, please ask the committee members: Diana Wolf, Marti Morrison, Dale Shafer, Pam Manley, Laurel Powell, Judy Johnson, and Karyn Heaney, with Kathe Letulle as advisor.

## RGVQG General Meeting Minutes – Saturday, September 14, 2019

Kathe LeTulle opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Gayle Steinbeck welcomed the RGVQG to Trophy Gardens.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The August General Meeting minutes were printed in the August Newsletter. With no changes or corrections, the minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: The August ending Bank Balance is \$6,883.28. The August ending Savings Account balance is \$33,140.05.

Today is Friendship Day. Tables were set up for Programs, Membership, and Opportunity Quilt.

Cynthia England will be the speaker/instructor for November. See the website for program information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.

Maggie Putney, chairperson, began the Friendship Day activities.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Paugh, Secretary

# Quilt Show

## Boutique

Once again, we are looking for items made by Guild members, and donated to the Quilt Show for the Boutique. If each one of our 300+ members made just one item for the boutique, it would be a great year! We are also looking for a person or group to handle the Boutique, so if you or your group is interested please contact Marsha Santow at [quiltshow@rgvqg.com](mailto:quiltshow@rgvqg.com).



## Demos

Heather Nelson has offered to Chair the Demos, for this year's show. She will be contacting vendors to work on setting up some of the demos. We also realize we have some very talented members, so if you would be interested in presenting a demo at the show, please contact Heather at [gsdemos@rgvqg.com](mailto:gsdemos@rgvqg.com).

## Hotels

The hotels with special deals for the Quilt Show weekend are filling up fast. So be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible. A list of participating hotels can be found at [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com) in the Quilt Show section.

## Miniature Quilts & Small Wall Hangings

Judy Blum is accepting miniature quilts and small wall hangings (smaller than 144" when all sides are added) from now until the January guild meeting. These miniature quilts and small wall hangings will be donated to the guild, to be put up for silent auction at the quilt show. Although first, they will be displayed at the January guild meeting. Guild members will vote on their favorite, and prizes are awarded for the three most popular ones (\$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third).

## Registration

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show registration has already begun! This can be done online at [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com), from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Quilts may also be registered for the show at the monthly Guild meetings. So bring them for Show-n-Share and then get them registered. Additionally, if your Bee would like to register quilts at one of their meetings, have the Bee Keeper contact Bonnie Hall to make arrangements.

## Volunteers

We are once again looking to the Guild Membership to assist with the quilt show. Volunteering, for as little as 2 hours, will get you into the show for the day for FREE! You can sign up to volunteer at any of the Guild meetings. Or online at [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com) on the Quilt Show page, just look for the Volunteer Registration tab.

# Granny's Attic Sale

On October 12 the RGV Quilt Guild will host the Grannie's Attic Sale.

Members of the RGVQG will have sewing related items for sale including fabric, thread, notions, machines, patterns, etc.

Need to destash your attic (sewing room)? Let me know how many tables you will need. Send me an email or text message or call me at 956.578.3032. You can leave a message.

Please, bring small bills and help our "Grannies" by not over whelming them with large bills they have make change for.



Karon Jacobson

## Election Update by Judy Brown

The plan is to introduce the candidates for President, Secretary and Programs at the October meeting with online voting opening the week after the October meeting and closing the day prior to the November meeting. , Ballots will be available to vote at the November meeting only for those who have not voted online.

We have one problem though... We have not found anyone to run for Programs and desperately need someone. I am currently the program chair/3rd VP and would be happy to talk with anyone about the job and will offer to help them remotely as well, as I am unable to continue as chair past the end of December. Programs have all been scheduled through March 2021 with the exception of the smaller summer meetings. They really are a lot of fun to do and you meet so many great quilters and learn a lot.

Please think of someone you feel would do a good job and see if they would consider running and let us know. Thank you.

## Programs

by Judy Brown

There has been a delay in posting some of the programs online, but all will be available before you receive this newsletter. Please consider registering for any of the four national speakers this year as soon as possible. They are all different and fantastic!

- November - Cynthia England
- December - Tina Hilton
- January - Karen Combs
- March - Angela Walters

In February, we will not have a speaker at the meeting, but will have both a lecturer and teacher at the Quilt Show.

For next year there are a number of things being considered since program registrations have been smaller and costs continue to go up.

I have been trying to book them only for one day of classes rather than two, but many are not interested in coming for just the one day of classes and a lecture.

We are also exploring bringing in teachers remotely as we did Hobbs batting last January or possibly having to raise registration prices.

**We really need you to register or to let us know what you would like to see taught.**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT Sept 2019

TOTAL ITEMS..... 333  
TOTAL HOURS..... 2182  
TOTAL VALUE..... \$5531.75



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## 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.

There are currently 321 Guild members. The 2020 renewal process is ready and Bonnie Hall will be at the Membership table at Friendship day on Sept. 14. Hope all have a great time.

There are several members who do not have the 2019 cards. 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](http://www.rgvqg.com)

Please let me know if you need assistance.

Marty Morrison ([membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com)) or 816-686-3467

## Summer's Over! Sewing Machines A'Rolling

I know my summer went fast and I did NOT get to my sewing machine very much. Maybe you didn't either. I know I am needing to sit down and relax. How about you? Take some time to create a small piece for the silent auction at the quilt show in February. Try a new block, finish it into a small wall hanging or it can be a table topper for the buyer. This will get you into serious sewing mode for those larger projects.

**Hand-dyed fabric** Do you like hand-dyed fabric? Would you like to learn how to dye your own fabric. Winter classes are forming. If you are interested, please call Carla Mewhinney at (575)706-1759 for more info.

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# 2019 Quilt Show, Blooming Color



**The 2019 quilt show will be held at  
The Dell Diamond United Heritage Center  
3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd.  
Round Rock, Texas 78665**

**Friday, September 27  
from 10 am to 7 pm  
and  
Saturday, September 28  
from 10 am to 5 pm**

Show tickets will be available at the door. Parking is free.

The show features over 100 quilts on display; vendors; a Silent Auction with buy-it-now options; a Boutique of hand-made items; Granny's Attic full of gently-used fabric, patterns and notions; plus a raffle quilt.

You must be a guild member to enter a quilt in the show.

Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased from members of Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild or at the show. The raffle drawing will be held at 4PM Saturday, at the quilt show. Winner need not be present to win.

The raffle quilt is from a pattern called Flourishes by Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins of Piece O' Cake Quilting. It is 89 inches square, and has wool batting. It took four quilters (Gloria Hale, Sharon Frederick, Doris Jablonski and Jean McCoy) almost 2 years to hand applique and piece. The beautiful quilting is by Cat Marion.



# Renee's Quilting

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For more information about the things mentioned in the newsletter, look on our web page, [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) or

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