

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

WHAT WONDERFUL PARTICIATION AT OCTOBER'S GRANNIE'S ATTIC the Guilds annual Rummage Sale. Everyone shopped till they DROPPED – Literally. Our Thanks go out to Karon Jacobson for hosting this event plus Gayle and Terry Steinbeck for getting the table and chairs set up (we promise to get this right soon).

Although the “short meeting” became an hour-long meeting, it was very beneficial for the members present.

Election year is here again and Judy Brown asked each of the officer nominees to say a few words.

Those Nominees, in alphabetical order) are for a 2 year term:

President

Renee Darkis (not attending due to daughter illness)

Kathe Letulle

3rd Vice President – Programs

Secretary

Karon Jacobson

Diana Wolf

Laural Powell

There will be three Guild Board Recommendations voting issues to be addressed – so please look closely. As a member, you now have a voice and will be heard.

This year our treasurer, Diane Tewell, had been focusing on the Guild finances and ways to ensure the longevity of the Guild keeping visibility and transparency of the finances to the forefront. Again this month she has re-analyzed each income and expense category for reductions and/or necessary increases with further suggestions by the board. Her financial report and responses with question and answers from the floor, was truly enlightening. Suggestions from the membership ranged from Increasing dues, minimal fee for a non-business member and a more substantial fee for a member there as a business to reserve a table at Grannie's Attic Rummage Sale, and a study as to why members are not participating in the Program Classes.

She has done a very in-depth study of finances. Thanks to Diane for her diligence to benefit the Guild.

Cynthia England, an International teacher from the Houston Area, will be teaching classes Thursday, November 7th and Friday, November 8th. Her unique “picture piecing” method is so easy and so much fun – it just looks intense.

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

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

See Ya There! Safe Travels!

Kathe – President@rgvqg.com 956-272-2377

Calendar New location

Guild Meeting:

November 9, 2019, 9:00 am to 12

Trophy Gardens

800 FM 495

Alamo TX 78516

Located between Alamo Rd and Tower Rd on the north side of State Hwy 495. If you travel from the east, your destination is the 2nd RV park on the north side of the highway. Advise the Gate Guard you are attending the Guild meeting and come on in. There is parking at front and rear of the building with more handicapped parking in the rear. You can enter the building from either parking lot.

Program: **Election of officers (SEE PAGE 7), approval of budget**, and featured National and International **Speaker: Cynthia England**, The Style and Technique of Picture Piecing to create a Pictorial Quilt.

Board Meetings: November 6, 2019

Trophy Gardens

Show Board: 9:30 am

Board: 1:00 pm

Upcoming Programs:

Dec: Tina Hilton, Malaysian Batik – The Hidden Textile Treasures of Southeast Asia

Jan - Karen Combs

Quilts of Illusions, Trunk Show

March - Angela Walters

Ruler Work

Treasurer's Report, September 2019

09/01/2019 Beginning Balance	\$6,883.28	Savings Account Balance 09/30/2019	\$33,141.41
Expenditures	505.74	Retreat Account Balance	\$3,000.00
Income	649.80		
09/30/2019 Ending Balance	\$7,027.34		

2019 RGVQG QUARTERLY REPORT & ANNUAL BUDGET

INCOME	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	YTD	2019 BUDGET
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$220.00
Fat Quarter Drawing	\$593.00	\$289.00	\$295.00		\$1,177.00	\$1,000.00
Guests & Fines	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$160.00	\$200.00
Membership - Minus Re-funds	\$2,025.00	\$225.00	\$300.00		\$2,550.00	\$7,725.00
Donation - Military Service Quilts	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$30.00		\$370.00	\$600.00
Other Income	\$10.68	\$0.00	\$44.84		\$55.52	\$70.00
Programs - Minus Refunds	\$831.00	\$315.00	\$575.00		\$1,721.00	\$7,335.00
Quilt Show	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00
School House - Minus Re-funds	\$70.00	\$440.00	\$50.00		\$560.00	\$2,000.00
Savings Account Interest	\$1.07	\$1.64	\$3.58		\$6.29	
TOTALS	\$19,130.75	\$1,270.64	\$1,298.42		\$21,699.81	\$33,250.00

EXPENSES

Bank Service Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$56.00
Bee Keeper (Upper & Lower Valley)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$300.00
Community Service	\$0.00	\$84.00	\$0.00		\$84.00	\$300.00
Fat Quarter Drawing	\$268.61	\$116.64	\$0.00		\$385.25	\$1,000.00
Friendship Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115.13		\$115.13	\$300.00
Gift Certificates	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$300.00
Guests & Fines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$25.00
Legal Fees - State	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00		\$25.00	
Liability Insurance	\$437.00	\$437.00	\$0.00		\$874.00	\$1,586.00
Library	\$17.46	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$17.46	\$300.00
Membership	\$82.85	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$82.85	\$100.00
Memorial Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$70.00
Military Service Quilts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$262.00		\$262.00	\$750.00
Office Supplies	\$31.12	\$0.00	\$49.43		\$80.55	\$200.00
PayPal Fees	\$86.12	\$52.40	\$30.04		\$168.56	\$1,000.00
Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$100.00
President - Door Prizes, Departing Officers	\$0.00	\$400.05	\$0.00		\$400.05	\$400.00
Programs	\$4,766.42	\$450.00	\$537.96		\$5,754.38	\$12,300.00

Room Rentals - Classes	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$375.00
Publicity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
QuickBooks Program	\$76.74	\$76.74	\$76.74	\$230.22	\$307.00
Rentals - Board Meetings	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$175.00	\$550.00	\$600.00
Rentals - Guild Meetings	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,600.00
Rentals - Post Office Box	\$134.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$134.00	\$134.00
Rentals - Storage Unit	\$0.00	\$1,612.00	\$0.00	\$1,612.00	\$1,612.00
Scholarships - 2 Officers, ShowChair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,800.00
Scholarships - College	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,130.00
Schoolhouse	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	\$850.00
Room Rentals - Classes	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$375.00
Sound & Audio Video Equipment			\$60.50		
Sunshine & Shadows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Web Service	\$162.89	\$0.00	\$74.98	\$237.87	\$80.00
Youth Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTALS	\$8,023.21	\$6,378.83	\$4,881.78	\$19,223.32	\$33,250.00



2020 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

Approval of this budget in on the ballot. Please Vote.

INCOME

Donations	0.00
Fat Quarter Drawing	1,000.00
Guests & Fines	150.00
Membership - 2020	7,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	66.00
Newsletter Advertising	500.00
Programs - 6 Classes - 20 students	3,400.00
Quilt Show	12,000.00
School House - 5 classes - 15 students	750.00

TOTAL **25,366.00**

EXPENSES

Bank Service Charge	0.00
Bee Keeper (Upper & Lower Valley)	0.00
Community Service	150.00
Fat Quarter Drawing	1,000.00
Friendship Day	150.00
Gift Certificates	150.00
Guests & Fines	25.00
Legal Fees - State	25.00
Liability Insurance	855.00
Bonding Insurance	247.00
Library	150.00

Membership	125.00
Memorial Flowers	50.00
Military Service Quilts	500.00
Newsletter	40.00
Office Supplies	100.00
PayPal Fees	250.00
Printing	100.00
President - Door Prizes, Departing Officers	95.00
Programs	11,375.00
Room Rentals - 6 Classes - \$75	450.00
Program Chair Expenses	100.00
Publicity	100.00
QuickBooks Program	307.00
Rentals - Board Meetings	600.00
Rentals - Guild Meetings	3,600.00
Rentals - Post Office Box	134.00
Rentals - Storage Unit	1,532.00
Scholarships - 2 Officers & ShowChair	0.00
Scholarships - College	2,065.00
Schoolhouse - Instructors - 5 - \$50	250.00
Room Rentals - Classes - 5 - \$75	375.00
Schoolhouse Expenses	100.00
Sunshine & Shadows	16.00
Web Service	300.00
Youth Education	50.00

TOTAL **25,366.00**

Treasurer's Report

RGV Quilt Guild 2020 Proposed Budget

As we talked about at the October Guild meeting, **it is time to work on the 2020 budget.**

The Board and I have had ongoing discussions for the last several months about the budget, planning income and expenses for next year.

It has become readily apparent to everyone that the current rate of expenses is not sustainable. As it stands today, the Guild will be out of money in about two to three years if changes are not made.

Our savings account is about 1/2 of what it was in 2017 and currently, there is not enough money in the checking account to pay the remaining bills for this year.

Please refer to the 2019 Quarterly report and Budget form in this newsletter.

The 2019 budget is \$33,250.00 for income and expenses. At the end of this 3rd quarter, \$21,700.00 in income and expenses of \$19,225.00. This doesn't look too bad.... **EXCEPT.**

In the **4th quarter**, we have these **additional expenses**:

November and December Programs,	\$5,925.00,
Schoolhouse Classes,	\$450.00,
Liability insurance,	\$855.00,
Bonding insurance,	\$247.00,
Board and Guild meeting room rentals	<u>\$1,050.00.</u>
This totals	\$8,527.00.

These are expenses that we know about, there will be others coming in.

Currently our checking account balance is **\$7,027.00**, this leads to a shortfall of about **\$1,500.00** by the end of the year.

Yearly, we have **fixed expenses** of **\$13,500.00**. These can not be changed or adjusted. Plainly, our total yearly expenses are exceeding our income.

We will have some income coming in from membership renewals and classes, but, most likely, a transfer from savings will be necessary to pay our 4th quarter bills, to which we are trying strenuously to avoid.

Income from Membership is \$7,500.00 based on \$25 member dues. With a passing vote on an increase of dues to \$30.00 would increase the income to \$9,000.00.

The **Quilt Show income** is pretty consistent. This year they are budgeted to give us \$12,000.00. This figure is based on Quilt Show attendance and Opportunity Quilt ticket sales.

Opportunity Quilt Ticket sales would generate \$6,000.00, if each member sells their 4 books of tickets, \$20.00. So far, about 40 members have done so, far short of the needed revenue.

The yearly **income for Program classes** is budgeted to be \$5,400.00, based on all classes being filled. This has rarely happened, so yearly the expected income is short. In the last 5 years, only one time did we have an income of \$5,400.00. This is why signing up for a program class is very important.

Programs yearly expenses are approximately **\$12,000.**

In the **first three months** of 2020 we have these expenses:

In January, the program speaker expenses are	\$3,025.00
March program speaker expenses are	<u>\$3,700.00</u>
Total	\$6,725.00

We, also, will have Schoolhouse and Guild meeting room rental expenses, etc.

At the last **Board meeting several changes were proposed**:

- Most **committee expenses** have been cut in half and a couple have been eliminated.
- College Scholarships** have been reduced to \$1000.00 each.
- Officer scholarships** have been eliminated for next year.
- Programs** will be reduced to two programs for next year.
- Summer Program **teacher fees** and Schoolhouse teacher fees have been lowered to \$50.00.

Treasurer's Report (continued)

A) Schoolhouse fees to be increased to \$20.00 per class. The current \$10.00 fee has remained the same for over 15 years.

B) Increasing the 2020 Membership dues to \$30.00.

The candidates for Guild offices and the above items will appear in the on-line ballots located on the Guild website. Paper ballots will be available at the November meeting. Each member will be able to vote once on each office and proposed item changes.

Please remember.... Member support in Program and Schoolhouse classes, Quilt Show attendance, and Opportunity Quilt ticket sales are vital for the success of our Guild.

This letter will not be easy to read. This is a lot of the information and significant changes to consider.

The Board and I are working hard to resolve our income and expense issues. This is why many of the proposed changes are necessary.

This is your Guild and I believe everyone should be aware of our financial situation. Please know these recommendations have not been made lightly.

Thank you for your attention!

Diane Tewell, Treasurer

BTW....Renewing your membership dues before the end of December will help pay the 4th quarter bills....!

RGVQG General Meeting, Saturday, October 12, 2019

Kathe LeTulle, President, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The September minutes were printed in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections so the minutes stand approved as printed.

Those that have ordered name tags from Kathy Webber, Kathe LeTulle has them for you to pick up today.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: September ending Bank balance: \$7,027.34. Savings account ending balance: \$33,141.41. Retreat account balance: \$3,000.00. The 2020 Budget has been approved by the Board at the Wednesday, October 9 meeting. The budget will be printed in the October newsletter. The budget will then be voted on at the November meeting. Diane explained very clearly to the membership that the finances of the Guild are in trouble; if we do not take some drastic measures the Guild will not be in existence in 2-3 years. The Board approved to reduce each budget item in half for most committees or in some cases eliminate them entirely. The Guild generates income from the Quilt Show, Opportunity Quilt ticket sales, Membership, Programs and School House Classes. Depending on the Program Speaker the cost (expense) of program classes is more than the income generated from the class. Classes, if full, would bring in \$900.00. Class participation is very important. The Board has agreed to transfer money from the savings account to the checking account this month to cover expenses. Diane answered questions from the members. The members asked if raising the cost of the yearly dues would be considered. A show of hands resulted in a majority of those present would agree to an increase of \$5.00 membership fee bringing the yearly fee to \$30.00. The board will have an email discussion and if a motion is passed, the Board will propose a motion to the members to increase the annual dues by \$5.00 (\$25.00 to \$30.00 yearly membership fee) and this will be included on the November ballot. If approved by members, this would generate an additional \$1,500.00 per year with a membership of 300. The ballot will include a question to increase the School House Class fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per class. Diane encouraged everyone to review the budget prior to the November meeting. The budget will be on the website and will be printed in the November newsletter.

Community Service – Rick Redd: September balances: 56 Items, 236 Hours, \$1,711.50 Items. YTD balances: 6060 Items, 21,270 Hours, \$147,943.50 Value.

Programs – Judy Brown: The Guild is a non-profit with commitment to the membership for education. November Cynthia England is our speaker with picture-piecing technique classes held Thursday and Friday. Examples are at the Program table. Information is also on the website. December Tina Hilton will be here with Turtle Hand Batiks, two ½ day classes on Friday. Tina's class description is on the website. If you are unable to use a computer to register for a class, call Judy. Judy can register you and accept your check.

Elections – Judy Brown (Pam Manley): The Guild will hold elections in November. The positions on the November ballot are

President, 3rd Vice-President/Programs, and Secretary. President: Kathe LeTulle and Renee Darkis. 3rd VP/Programs: Laural Powell and Karon Jacobson. Secretary: Diana Wolfe. On line voting will be available approximately a week after the October meeting and closing the Friday prior to the November meeting. A paper ballot will be at the November meeting for those that are unable to vote on line. Please look at the October newsletter on the website for more information. The ballot will include a question to increase fee the School House Classes from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and, possibly, a question to increase the membership dues from \$25 to \$30.00 yearly. The third question on the ballot will be approval of the 2020 budget.

Membership – Marty Morrison: 26 have renewed their membership for 2020.

Quilt Show – Marsha Santow 2020 chair: Deb Warner is our Boutique Chair. Deb encouraged us to make items for the 2020 boutique and to include the price and description of the item. Deb intends to keep track of items donated and sold. Sarah Reed spoke about the Opportunity Quilt. She will be at the monthly Jackson Street Days in Harlingen through February. October 17th, Sarah will be at an SPI Chamber event where the Guild will be selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Karen Hunger, Volunteer chair, is needing volunteers for the quilt show. Volunteer sign-up is available at the monthly Guild meetings and on the website.

Attendance: Today, 96 were in attendance with 16 guests.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: Maggie sent 3 cards. There were 2 deaths: Judi Jaranowski and Wanda Carlson. It was mentioned that Renee Darkis's daughter is not well and Renee is there with her.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: Newsletter articles are due October 15.

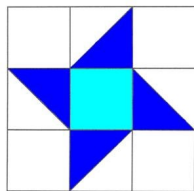
Retreat – Karyn Heaney: Friendship Retreat is from Tuesday to Saturday this year, March 17 to 21st. The Bluebonnet Retreat has 12 on the waiting list.

Academic Scholarship chairman – Evelyn Fincher: 38 letters have been sent to prospective schools regarding the two scholarships the Guild supports. Evelyn will alert the larger schools about the reduction in amount of the scholarships from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00.

Webmaster – Bonnie Hall: Bonnie is the Quilt Show Quilt Registrar. See Bonnie if you have questions about registering your quilt for the quilt show.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Paugh, Secretary



Retreat Update 2020



Retreat will be here before we know it. We are looking at the holidays approaching quickly and then it will be time to start getting ready for retreat. Yippee!!!! We all love RETREAT!

Friendship Star Retrea - This retreat has been pushed back 1 day. You will start your retreat on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and leave on Saturday, March 21, 2020. Everything else stays the same. The last day for a full refund is February 21, 2020.

Your final payment is due at the December Guild meeting.

Bluebonnet Friends - Your last day to receive a full refund is February 28, 2020. Your final payment is due at the January, 2020 Guild meeting.

You all still have plenty of time to order your retreat polo shirts. Come see me at the Retreat Table on Guild Meeting Day. Order and pay one month and I will have the shirts for you at the next meeting. Thank you Kathy Webber for your great service getting these shirts done for us.

I have some shirts that have been ordered and paid for. Please stop by the Retreat table say hello and pick up your shirt.

Programs by Judy Brown

We have some great speakers coming up, but we do need your support. Because of lower attendance we will be having fewer speakers next year. Please check out the website and sign up for any of these wonderful classes. You won't regret it.

Elections

Below is additional information on our candidates. There are also other issues for which we need your approval. To give you time to review this information, two days after this newsletter comes out, the ballot will be available online. For those who do not have access to the online ballot, paper ballots will be available at the November meeting. The online ballot will be closed on Friday, November 8 at 12:00 noon. Please don't wait to vote. This is important for our Guild.

Candidates for offices, presented in alphabetical order

President

Renee Darkis



Originally from Terre Haute, Indiana, I spent most of my adult life in Vincennes. I worked for Purdue University as an Extension Educator for 30 years. I loved teaching cooking and nutrition early in my career but later added the 4-H program to my responsibilities. Teaching kids to sew, create, and learn responsibility was a highlight of my years with Extension.

In 2008 my husband Dan and I decided to begin the adventure of full time RVing. We loved that for about 6 years. We fell in love with Alamo and decided to become transplants in Texas. When we purchase a home with a "barn" for both of us I decided a longarm was going to be my new toy. I have enjoyed quilting over the last few years. I love to do things that are fun and out of the box.

I was President of the Guild for 3 ½ years. I really enjoy the challenge of helping the group try new things and have fun. The Guild has offered me many opportunities to learn and grow, something I want everyone to experience.

Kathe Letulle



It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past two years.

It has been my goal to ensure you the membership, visibility into the workings of The Guild is transparent. During my two year Presidential term the main goals have been, 1. The financial stability of The Guild with a reasonable balanced budget (Accomplished the past two years) 2. Revising the By-Laws to ensure the members have voting privileges on important issues. The Board makes recommendation on these issues and you the members make the decisions (Accomplished Summer 2019). There have been major strides toward these goals and I maintain an open door policy to all members.

Past experiences, as having traveled worldwide in Business as Property Accounting Manager for an Oil Field Firm, in Academic sector as Accounting Manager for a College Student Union, and working with several non-profits have been the training ground to allow me to propose policies to further the longevity of the Guild.

Leadership is providing opportunities and general guidance to officers and committee chairs and then monitoring progress. I am humbled by the amount of trust placed by the members to continue the many and varied Guild projects and wants these to continue into the future.

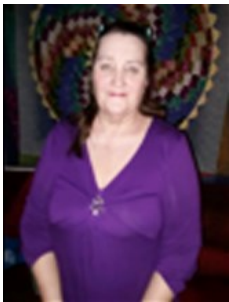
I am now enjoying owning my own small quit shop and living in the Rio Grande Valley full time.

I would be honored to serve the next two years as President of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild.

Candidates (continued)

Third Vice President / Programs

Karon Jacobson

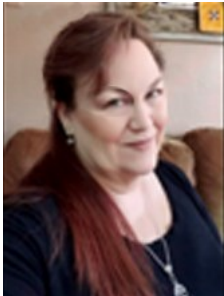


My name is Karon Jacobson. I served as Treasurer of the RGVQG for 4 years. I am also a Navy veteran and worked for more than 30 years as an administrative assistant and office manager for small companies, local and federal governments, and fortune 500 companies.

Although I'm fairly new to quilting, I have been sewing since high school; I am enthusiastic about learning more things.

I look forward to serving as Programs Chair for the next two years.

Laural Powell



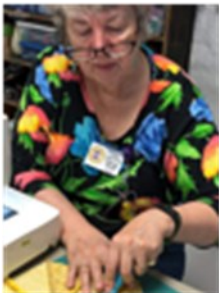
My name is Laural Powell, and I would like to serve as the next 3rd Vice President/Programs Chair. While I have only been a member of the RGVQG since 2012, recently I have had the honor to serve on the Quilt Show Committee and the By-Laws Committee.

I worked for Non-Profit Organizations for over 30 years, both as an employee and a board member. When I moved back to the RGV, I started quilting with my mother. I quickly discovered quilting's therapeutic aspects. In addition to being a creative outlet, I love the fact that there is always something new to learn.

I would like the chance to provide new creative learning opportunities to RGVQG Members.

Secretary

Diana Wolf



I have served as secretary in other nonprofit organizations with 400 and 800 members. I have served on the board of the Kansas City Woodworking Guild, also president of the parents organization at two elementary schools, and was on the Board of the Missouri State PTA, and have lobbied at the state and local levels to provide better education experiences for our children.

When I can teach something and watch others grow their skills, it is fulfilling to me. Producing the newsletter has been quite the education for me; we have so many talented and generous members. I enjoyed transporting the quilts to and from our quilt show last year on Padre Island. Helping with the Bag and Tote event again demonstrated how our members are creative and sharing. I was happy to be part of another fundraiser for the Guild.

I look forward to being of more service to our Guild.

Bee News: The Killer Bees had a busy summer making for others. Often, we made pillows that were donated to Angry Tias and Abuelas and Loaves and Fishes. At several meetings we made approximately 50. Other meetings produced items for the cancer center and other places. Several members made quilts of many sizes that they generously donated. Members also donated household goods, clothing, and bath items.

I submitted the Killer Bees to the 'We Make For Good' campaign through the Fairfield Company. We were chosen as a recipient and received two ten-pound boxes from Fairfield. We also received an award certificate. We were so thankful!

We continue our campaign to make for good and enjoy every minute of it. Helping others and sharing the camaraderie within our bee is such a blessing.

We invite each and every one of you to join one of our meetings. We have some great instructional classes starting up in a couple of weeks and we can email you a calendar.

We meet every Thursday at Sunshine Country Club Estates, 1937 W Indiana Cir, Harlingen.

Any questions please contact Jan Baethke or Diane Tewell.

Thank you so much, Sarah Reed

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.

It's time to begin the 2020 Membership drive -- To join or renew your membership, the easiest way is to go to www.rgvqg.com/membership.html and pay on-line. The 2020 membership numbers start with 200xxx. The cards for 2020 will be a Blue Jade Marble. 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.

We have 321 Members in 2019. Now for 2020 we already have 39, some new members and, of course, some returning members:

New Members: Montana Cook, Gail Field, Josefina McVey, Rachel Stokes, and Kimberly Unger

Renewing Members: Angie Arguello, Bev Blair, Nancy Boyer, Suzanne Brennan, Nancy Brooks, Donna Brown, Bonnie Cassidy, Dinora Cavazos, Audrey Croft, Micheline Dextras, Karen Eck, Evelyn Fincher, Carolyn Fox, Barbara Hall, Bonnie Hall, Sharon Harper, Mary Jo Havertape, Susan Hudson, Karen Hunger, Nancy Kinyon, Angela Lieser, Linda Mahoney, Judy Meadows, Vera McEvoy, Cathy Mott, Susan Parks, Maggie Putney, Esther Schmidt, Pat Skye, Gayle Steinbeck, Judi Swanda, Diane Tewell, Diana Wolf, and Carol Wolfe

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

Saturday, November 30, 2019

from 9 am to 3 pm at

Edinburg Activity Center,

123 East Palm Drive, Edinburg, TX.

An exciting one day shopping event of handcrafted, homemade and one-of-a-kind treasures made by local talent.

Door Prizes - Craft Workshops - Community Performance

ANNUAL MCV HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR



Opportunity Quilt Show Ticket Sales

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are continuing to do well with ticket sales and I am so enthused about the excitement we have about the items made for the drawing this year. We have had over 50 return their tickets.

Thank you so much to those of you who have picked up your tickets and those who have already returned them. Please pick up your books by contacting me at the Saturday meetings or by email/phone and I can get them to you. Remember that for every book you sell you will get a ticket to enter the drawing to win one of the two \$150 gift cards from our local quilt shops. You will also receive a free quilt show pin for your participation.

We are already receiving requests to set up at craft shows. We would love to participate in more. Please let me know of any craft shows/jams/activities at your parks that we can set up at and sell tickets.

Upcoming sales opportunities and volunteer opportunities:

November 2 – Jackson Street Days – I will need 1 person from 9-11, 2 from 11-1 and 1 from 1-3. You will receive an extra ticket into the \$150 gift card drawing for helping out.

Those who have not picked up tickets remember that as a member it is requested that you sell at least 4 books/\$20 worth of tickets. Ticket sales are crucial to the financial health of the Guild. The tickets sell 6 for \$5 or \$1 a piece. It only takes 1 ticket to win.

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



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.

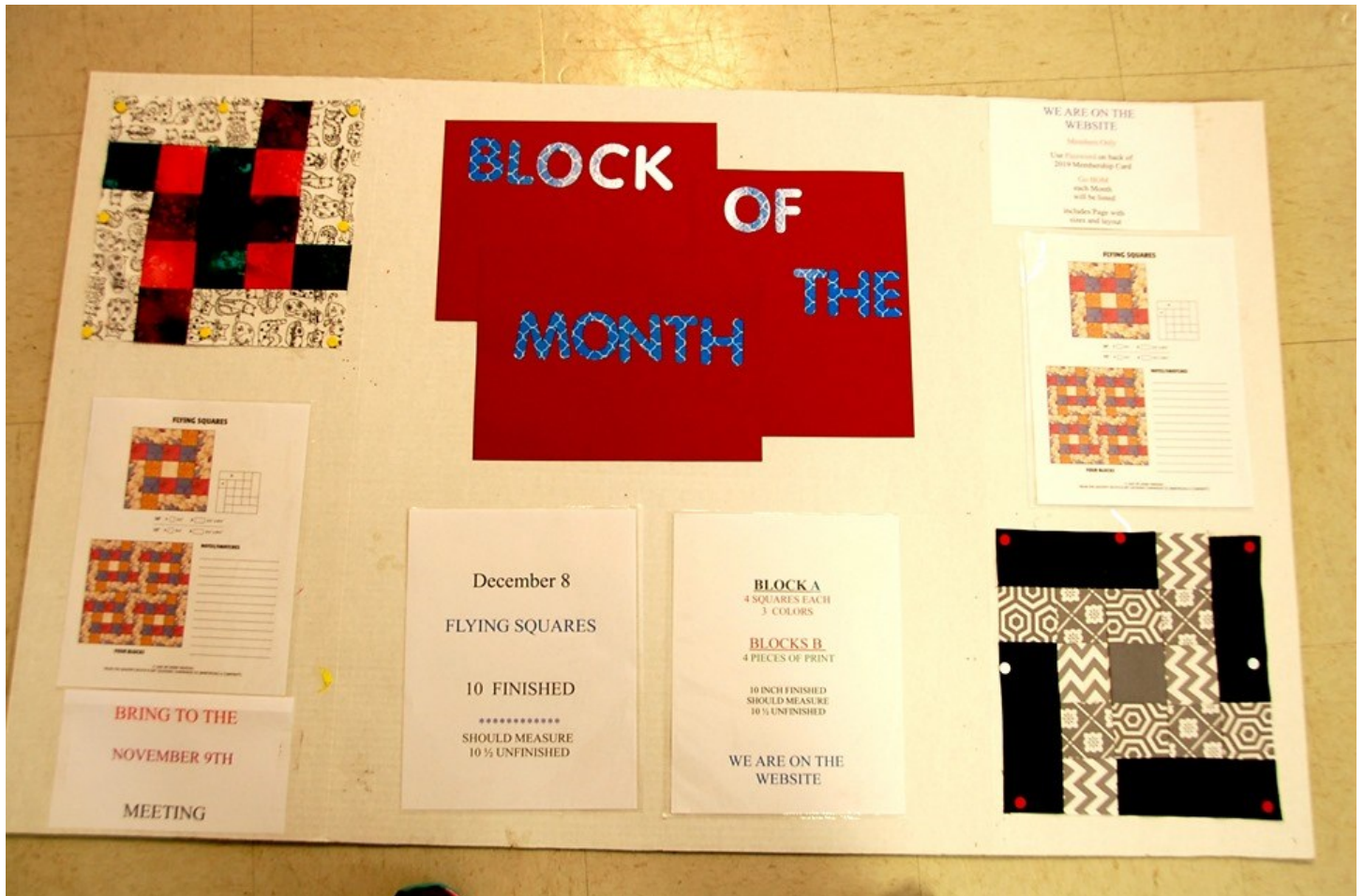
Special thanks to: Carla Mewhinney, Sue Arnold, Nancy Flaherty, Lila Helm and Mr. Helm, Karen Eck and Renee Darkis for the beautiful items for the Opportunity drawing.

Have a blessed day, Sarah Reed

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Block of the Month for November Guild Meeting

We are on the website! Go to rgvqqg.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

December 8 – Flying Squares

10" Finished

Block A – 4 squares each of 3 colors

Block B – 4 rectangles of print fabric

Please measure, **unfinished** block should be **10 ½"**

Bring to the November 9th Meeting

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT Sept 2019

TOTAL ITEMS.....156
TOTAL HOURS.....236
TOTAL VALUE..... \$1711.00



YOUTH SEW NEWS

Thank You all the members who shared Christmas fabric with the young sewers. They are busy cutting out, almost done with the 200. Next we will be sewing, I might need a little help from a few to sew, but I will let you know. This group is really moving along, on the dress pattern we are working on and getting the stocking project. Subie and Rick Redd 4H Instructors

HOSPICE TIME AGAIN

It is that time of year, cool weather is coming. The different Hospice Center experience an increase in persons under their care. I would like to ask that any who can make a top for me, I go into high gear to get the quilts sandwiched and quilted. The hospice quilts are 50 X 60, or as close as you can get, they are mainly to keep the upper body warm. Subie Redd

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