



# RGVQG News

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## President's Threads That Bind

What a time all our members are facing! Prayers go out to everyone during this unusual time in our lives. Please stay safe until this virus has burned itself out and we can move about freely.

It is with heartfelt sorrow to announce that until further notice, all activities for the Guild are cancelled. But just wait till we can all meet again—it will definitely be a fun time. We may not be hugging right away but elbow bumps will be in full form.

Your Guild board has met via audio conference call to ensure the Guild is progressing in a positive manner during this trying time. Until the board can meet face to face, audio conference call is the current option for communication.

In answer to a request from the member survey—members are advised the actions of the board to the membership in multiple ways:

1. Chairpersons announce their reports at the board meeting and the following membership meeting which is included in the secretary minutes for both
2. Minutes of the board and membership meeting are on the Guild website—[rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)
3. Membership meeting minutes are reported in the newsletter as well as many chairpersons reports
4. The result of all board meetings is visible for the membership to review and comment. The membership is advised, as per the revised By-Laws and Standing Rules, and these are the guidelines by which the board operates. The board meetings are also open to any member to attend and the announcement of all board meetings are posted on the Guild website.

The Guild also has a Facebook Page and WOW have the members been burning up the air waves with pictures of all the beautiful items being completed during this isolation. Our members have not been idle. And what about the masks that are being made for friends, family, neighbors and charities—way to go! Our members are so blessed for all the charity works to others in need. Be sure to fill out the Community Service form (see page 8) and advise our Community Service Chairperson, Chris Cowan at [communitysvc@rgvqg.com](mailto:communitysvc@rgvqg.com), so all charitable donations will be documented. Thanks in advance.

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**No in-person meetings are scheduled until further notice. Check [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) for announcements.**

## Membership Information

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If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, please do so to help with our budget. We have bills to pay even though we are unable to have Guild meetings.

The annual dues are only \$30.00 and can be paid on-line, paid at a meeting (cash or check), or a check can be sent to the Guild mailing address. (Checks now should be made payable to Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild.)

2020 Membership Dues—To join or renew your membership, the numbers start with 200xxx. The cards for 2020 will be a Blue Jade Marble. Membership 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.

Now for 2020 we have a total of 311 members. Since the last newsletter we “Welcome” the following **New Members**:

- Kay Bianco
- Dale Borneman
- Susan Halvorsen
- Carole Spencer
- Garnett Weaver
- Kathryn Webber
- Mae Wesson

Friendship—When we get back together, let's introduce ourselves to someone at the Guild meeting that you see, but don't normally talk with. A new beginning to meet and know other Guild 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

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## March Treasurer's Report

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Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,878.21
Deposits	\$13,122.71
Expenditures	\$ 3,180.93
Ending Balance	\$19,819.99
Savings Account	
Ending Balance	\$33,149.62

## President's Threads (continued)

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Continue prayer for all our members and elimination of this pandemic so our country can get back to an even keel.

**ALL Members—ALWAYS Check the website for class and meeting locations, access to Board and Meeting Minutes, and what is going on within the GUILD during this time of isolation.**

**We are all bound together by a common thread—quilting!**  
Blessings!  
Kathe – [president@rgvqg.com](mailto:president@rgvqg.com)  
956-272-2377

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## Announcements

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The Quilt Show Committee is looking for Quilt Show **Chairpersons** for the **2023** and **2024 Quilt Shows**. Volunteer NOW and you have awesome mentors prior to your own show, sent an e-mail to [president@rgvqg.com](mailto:president@rgvqg.com) or text 956-272-2377.

The Guild Historian Volunteer position is in need of a Chairperson. If interested, please send an email to [president@rgvqg.com](mailto:president@rgvqg.com) or text 956-272-2377. Any member may submit another members name for any volunteer position, but please have their permission.

## Academic Scholarship Awards

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Thank you to all of you for your kind and welcoming attitude toward "Jade" and "Monse," the 2020 scholarship awardees and their families at the March Guild meeting. I texted the students and confirmed that they were able to access the RGVQG March newsletter which features their pictures and an account of the award presentation. The students sent me the picture used in the article.

I contacted the students' counselors by email and asked for information concerning the possibility of a senior awards assembly. They are still working on plans for senior graduation activities and will notify me when they have a decision.

Evelyn Fincher, Chairperson

## Programs Report

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During the April 8 Guild Board meeting, held by conference call, we discussed the feasibility of booking speakers from outside the area for the 2020-2021 Season. There was much discussion about the current state of the Nation and World. A motion was made and passed to leave the number of outside speakers at the discretion of the Program Chair and President, to ensure that it is done in a safe manner.

As soon as we hear that it is safe to start gathering in person again, we will post the Programs for upcoming meetings. Until then, we will be looking into using social media and other technology to give us that sense of community we have always found at Guild meetings. Just like the virtual Show-and-Tell we had in the RGVQG Facebook Group, on April 11. It was great getting to see what everyone has been up to lately!

Laural Powell, Programs Chair

## Retreat

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How are you all holding up? Hopefully, getting lots of UFO's completed, or maybe creating more. I am doing a bit of both. Oh, well, such is life.

I want to thank all the gals who showed up for the Friendship Star Retreat. We had a great time. Sorry we had to cut it short but the Ranch came to our need and provided lots of goodies to take with us on our quick departure. We were all on the road within an hour and that included lunch! Wow! You all banded together and acted quickly. Thanks for all your help. The Ranch sent some maintenance guys to our rescue who helped with those heavy sewing machines and take down.

Thank you for your generosity. Your friendship means the world to me. You are all so special and I am blessed to call you friends.

There are still some I have not heard from regarding next year. Hope you intend on going. I reserved March 15-19, 2021 for the Friendship Star Retreat. Also, don't forget, Nancy Brooks, my new right hand gal, has requested that everyone bring a hand made item to donate to the door prizes. This is a great time to get it done.

Bluebonnet Friends Retreat was canceled. So sorry but next year we will celebrate with gusto! Next years dates are March 21-25, 2021. This retreat is full as of this posting.

The Challenge is on for next year. So...you have another year to get creative and join in on the fun. If you did not get the FQ of challenge fabric, I have some available for \$3. The rules are simple: You must use at least a 2" square of the challenge fabric and no more than that FQ. You can add as many other fabrics as you wish and can make anything you want. Can't wait to see what you all come up with.

Until Next Time,  
Karyn Heaney

# Quilt Show 2021

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The 2021 show board has begun working remotely by using a conference call for our meetings. We have received our contract for the convention center and it includes a \$1100 or 10% discount for being a returning customer. We are considering several designs for the show pins and all designs use the opportunity quilt as the focus. A committee is working on clarifying the categories so that each entrant has an easier time choosing the proper category. We have decided to not have a style show this year though the wearables category will remain.

If any member has a suggestion to improve the show, please pass that information on to me or another show board member.

Laurie Magee, Quilt Show Chair

## Bargain Boutique

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We still need a chair for this year's Bargain Boutique. It would be perfect if a small group or part of a Bee wanted to step up for this position. It's exciting and fun to watch folks shop at the Show!

Of course, I would be more than willing to help the next chair(s) get started. In fact, I already have! Laurie has given me permission to begin soliciting items for the Boutique so the group will not have to start out behind schedule. I've posted on the RGVQG Facebook page to help you think of items to make.

In the meantime, please think about taking a break from sewing masks to sew an item for the Boutique. After all, there's no time like the present! Cell phone cases, pincushions and bags of any kind sold well.

Questions about what to make? Email [debi.warner1129@att.net](mailto:debi.warner1129@att.net) for now.

## Silent Auction

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The Show Board has granted the request of the Silent Auction Committee to try an all new approach this year. We hope to solicit many items of at least \$25 in retail value for the auction. We had planned to have a morning and afternoon auction each day. With the current world situation, we are not sure if we can reach that goal. Even though this is not the time to ask for donations, we still hope to go forward with at least parts 1 and 2 of the proposal.

1. That we ask our members who are professional artists to donate an item, such as a gift certificate for services or an item of interest to our members or Winter Texans. One beautiful piece donated is a pendant and earrings set by Debbie Robbins.
2. That we ask our vendors to donate an item for the Silent Auction. The item could either be something from their inventory or a gift certificate. This would be in lieu of the usual door prizes.
3. That we solicit items and services from businesses on SPI, Port Isabel, etc.



If you would like to donate, please email me at [debi.warner1129@att.net](mailto:debi.warner1129@att.net). I plan to have a form available later and to feature our leadership donations in future issues of the newsletter.

### For more information

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



# 2021 RGV Quilt Guild Challenge

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When someone quilts a memory,

The memory becomes a treasure.

This year the challenge will be to take a pre-1960 VINTAGE BLOCK or VINTAGE LINEN and create a new wall hanging for future generations to cherish.

- You may add new fabric, embellishments, new quilt techniques, paint, etc. Don't be afraid to de-construct your block. Be spontaneous! Improvise a bold new idea. LET YOUR CREATIVITY FLOW!
- But remember the material from your vintage block should be visible in your completed project.
- SIZE of finished piece must not be smaller than 72 inch perimeter or larger than 200 inch perimeter.
- Your Challenge must be registered for the 2021 Quilt Show to participate and must follow Quilt Registration Guidelines.

**NO pre-1960 VINTAGE BLOCK? Look on Etsy and in Antique Shops! Also Laurie Magee, quilt show chair, has orphan quilt block stash. Happy Hunting—that's part of the fun of this challenge.**

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## 2021 Opportunity Quilt

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The quilt for 2021 is beautiful and was made by Laurie Magee, quilted by Jean Waufle. Second Place is a Quilt and Third Place is a tote.

Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Any questions/comments/suggestions please email me at [opportunityquilt@rgvqg.com](mailto:opportunityquilt@rgvqg.com).

Sarah Reed



## Military Service

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There has been a request for face masks for Veterans. Bonnie Hall and Diana Wolf have given us directions online. There are many patterns, so you have a choice. Once these are made, please call:

- Pam Manley 956-369-1846
- Lucy Klaas 708-227-4826
- Lupita Perez 956-292-8416

We appreciate your dedication to our Veterans,

Pam and Lucy



# Masks, Masks, Masks

RGVQG quilters, as well as quilters and sewists around the world have been busy making face masks for donations and for family, friends and neighbors. There are well over a hundred different patterns available online for sewing, embroidery and quilting machines.

Our members were asked on Facebook what they were making...

**Diana Wolf** suggested considering the two patterns at <https://sarahmaker.com/how-to-sew-a-surgical-face-mask-for-hospitals-free-pattern/> with a YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gcLp0y-Mfg>

**Bonnie Hall** shared a tutorial to make adjustable face mask (no pleats) with a filter pocket. Front and back fabrics are different. It calls for 3 pieces of 8 in x 10 in (9 in x 7 in for kids) fabric and 50-60 inches of cording (She cut up old t-shirts for cording, Mike made his own cording from 1-1/2 in strips double folded). The video is at [https://youtu.be/zm\\_NmpdgWWA](https://youtu.be/zm_NmpdgWWA).



**Nancy Tatro** has made 126 masks for friends, family and park members from Orange Dot Quilts! It's a great pattern, really comfortable.

**Debbie Williams** has made about 60 masks. Her niece in Atlanta is a vet...her office ordered cotton masks....only to find out it was a scam! Debbie sent her 45 masks for her folks. Her pattern has ties...a friend sent her the YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/9c7AYu8uBXo>

**Fran Mansfield** has made about 50 face masks. She didn't have any elastic so used flat elastic head bands without the metal clasps picked up at the local Dollar Tree. The satin on the band is softer on the ears. She going to try ones with ties next.

**Laurie Magee** reports that she is using Bungalow Quilting/Judy Gauthier's mask pattern and video for my masks and really like the design.

Judy Gauthier was at our meeting last March (classes on umbrellas and scrap quilting) and was an ICU nurse for over 30 years. She has a pattern available for an excellent occlusive face mask. You can find more information [here](#).

According to **Bonnie Hall**, as of last Friday, April 10, at 10:00 am, Pharr South quilters had 137 face masks in stock, 50+ going out to a halfway house, cancer patient and care givers plus a few to family and friends. They have also given out many masks to park residents; to nurses, doctors & healthcare workers at the Heart Hospital; to those cleaning medical offices; and family and friends of their quilt group. They have made 522 face masks (probably more).



What are your favorite patterns and tips?



## Of Interest Online

This is **not** to recommend or endorse any products, but there have recently been some interesting new products introduced that may be of interest to quilters at this time:



<https://www.floraltees.net/Quilter>



<https://www.sportees.net/h-sewingessential>



<https://www.chickenix.com/survival>

Don't forget to check out the many different quilt-along events that are being offered by different quilters, machine manufacturers, vendors, quilt shops, National Modern Quilt Guild, and national speakers. Now is a wonderful time to learn so much.

If you are a Facebook user, check out some of the Facebook live videos. You can ask questions if you are online during the event, but if not, they are posted for later viewing.

It doesn't look like Bill Kerr will be coming in March, but you can check out all the videos that he and Weeks Ringle have been recording on the Modern Quilt Studio Facebook page and on YouTube. They are in the process of adding to their YouTube channel many of the videos they've been sharing on Facebook. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGbBRjpVZLT91UGxz8hrFUA>

Check out the fastest way to sew bias tape ties without tools or ironing on You Tube at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=vR7sWFwo48g>

Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims of The Quilt Show have regular live tutorials on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheQuiltShow/>

Angela Walters has a free motion challenge quilt along at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/421010428333804/>

Gudrun's Quilt Crew from GE Designs had an "Elvira" Quilt Along last month, in which several members participated, and are currently finishing "Strip to Shore." Gudrun will be announcing another Quilt Along Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm on Gudrun's Topsy Tuesday Facebook live.

Guicy Guice and Alison Glass are in the middle of a Mini Series SAL (Sew Along) both on Facebook and Instagram.

What have you found online to learn during this time?

Don't forget to deliver one of these forms to Community Service for your donations:

**Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild  
Community Service Record  
(official guild record)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Donated to \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Qty
<b>Quilts</b>	
Fleece	
Baby-Lap-Afghan	
Crib-Youth	
Twin	
Double-Full	
Queen-King	
Military	
<b>Baby</b>	
Caps/Booties	
Gowns/Rompers	
Burp Cloths/Bibs	
Preemie Caps/Blankets	
<b>Cancer</b>	
Hats-Bandanas	
Pillows	
<b>Toys</b>	
Fabric Animals	
Dog Bed – Puppy Pillows	
<b>Other</b>	
Pillow Cases	
Gift Bags – Book Covers	
Walker Caddies	
Tote-Purse-Poncho	
Fabric (Total Yards)	
Notions (Total #)	
Toiletries (Total #)	

Received by:

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Signature Required

2/12/2017

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Fabric Animals	
Dog Bed – Puppy Pillows	
<b>Other</b>	
Pillow Cases	
Gift Bags – Book Covers	
Walker Caddies	
Tote-Purse-Poncho	
Fabric (Total Yards)	
Notions (Total #)	
Toiletries (Total #)	

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Signature Required

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1/4 page \$25.00  
1/2 page: \$50.00  
Full page: \$100.00  
Business Card \$10.00  
Classified Ad: \$5.00 or 3-4 lines

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**New! Drop off location** in Corpus Christie at the Sew Hooked Quilting and Creative Center, 2136 Waldron Road, Corpus Christie, TX 78418. Call for details.

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- Digital format is preferred
- Please Include a "headline" or header for your article and your name with any other contact information
- Pictures, graphics including clip art preferred in .jpeg, .jpg, .gif or .png

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