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## President's Threads That Bind

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*by Kathe Letulle*

This weather has stagnated members in the Valley as well as our members back home in other states. Our prayers went out to every member during this unusual weather – some with ice and snow, some with no water, some with no electricity for days, and a mixture of all the above. During this rare time, I kept thinking “God has a Plan.” Not knowing what the plan would be, I had to believe that everything will eventually be AOK. Blessings to all!!! Those of us in the Valley were caught unaware. We all are in the Valley to have a mild winter – but the beginning of 2021 was quite a surprise.

I hope all had a chance to view the Guild virtual quilt show, vote, bid and purchase from the vendors. For our first virtual, it went very well. Every event has a few glitches – even in person shows – but we overcame! More in March about the virtual quilt show.

Your Board is very much interested in your comments and opinions, solutions to areas that you feel need improvement, and/or assisting by being an Officer/Board member. Elections are upcoming for President, Secretary and Vice President–Programs. Be thinking of which position you would be best suited. I know that this a trying year and hopefully 2022 will not have the troubling issues as 2020 and 2021. All

Board members have learned to survive and ensured your Guild is functioning in tip top shape. We have truly been blessed.

Although Zoom is not the same as in person, at least we get to see faces and feel closer to one another. At this time, this is the best we can do to keep the Guild Family connected.

ALL Members - ALWAYS check the website for any updates, access to Board and meeting minutes, and what is going on within the Guild during this time of getting back to what we feel will be a normal life. See you at the next Guild Meeting - March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM Central Time.

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

**Blessings!** Kathe - [President@rgvqg.com](mailto:President@rgvqg.com)  
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# Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

The 2021 Budget has been approved and your dues are a part of that Budget. So, if you haven't done your part, now is the time to renew your membership. The annual dues are only \$30.00 and can be paid on-line, just click on the link below:

<https://form.jotform.co/rgvquiltguild/membership> or a check made payable to **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** and send to:

RGVQG Membership  
PO Box 32  
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2021 Membership cards begin with the numbers 210xxx. The information needed to access the "Members Only" page and the Directory will be sent to you by email.

If you are paying by check, please include your email address – then I can let you know that the Guild has received your check. Also please provide any personal information has changed, so the Guild Directory can be updated.

For 2020 we had a total of 320 members. For 2021 there are 175 members. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following **New Member**:

Ruth MacDowell

Now that we are meeting via Zoom, so you can be a member from anywhere, so if you can't come to the Rio Grande Valley you can still be a member and enjoy the benefits of being a member of the Guild. You can invite your friends to join us.

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

# Treasurer Report

by Mike Hall

## January Treasurers Report

Ending Account Balances as of 1/31/2021

RGVQG Checking .....	\$14,309.06
RGVQG Savings .....	\$33,160.06
RGVQG Quilt Show .....	\$11,158.99
RGVQG Retreat .....	\$3,000.00

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## Retreat

by Kathe Letulle

All Retreat Participants – check the Retreat Participants list on the website for attending participants and messages per retreat. If your name is on the list or should not be on the list, please text or phone Kathe Letulle – 956-272-2377.

Membership dues must be paid to attend the retreats. If your name is not on the 2021 membership list, then you have paid your dues.

Be ensured you have at least 2 face masks with you for use in the lobby at the ranch, if you wish to wear one in the retreat room, and/or establishments you visit to, during and from the retreat.

The Ranch has many safety features in place for our retreats.

Looking forward to a relaxing and fun time. SEE YOU THERE!! Travel Safely!

Elaine Hall, Marty Morrison, and Kathe Letulle are now the retreat team as Karyn Heaney has relocated to North Carolina

# Military Service

by Mellie Peach

Sew N Sew Bee located at Snow to Sun Resort, 1701 N. International Blvd, Weslaco has been involved in making Military Service Quilts this past month along with keeping up with one another. Covid-19 has presented us with challenges no-one foresaw. Each Tuesday at noon we get together on Zoom. We've had as many as 12 of our quilters in our sessions. Because we are still in a lock down mode, we had to cancel our planned Military Sew



Day and think outside the box. Fabric was a concern. We contacted Lucy Klass with MSQ who suggested that there were scraps available that were not being used. Mellie Peach went to the MSQ work day at Alamo Country Club on 15 January and retrieved over 3 bins of scraps, plus 2 bags of external scraps. Kathy Kratz diligently sorted through all of the scraps and pressed those that were large enough to cut strips or blocks from. Anything less than 1 inch was added to the animal beds that Kathy makes for the Weslaco Animal Shelter. Fabric was cut to size and 2 string quilts, along with several strips and block quilts have been made. We also have bound 10 quilts for MSQ this past month. Two work days have been held on Guild member Linda Burggraff's patio where two tables and chairs from Snow to Sun's Quilt Room were lent to us. February 3, 2021, was basically for cutting 7 of our star block quilts after fabric was donated by Guild members. One star quilt top was completed that work day while Diane Crofton pressed fabric, Kathy Kratz, Tresa Schwery and Nancy Heeter cut blocks and Mellie assisted where

needed and took photos. 4 "kits" were taken home to be completed by Linda and Mellie. Kathy

continued cutting blocks and making quilt kits before the next sewing session where we had 8 of our quilters who were joined by Pam Manley from MSQ and Diana Wolf, RGVOG secretary. Quilt tops were turned in, and several others sewn and we took a few minutes off to take a group photo with some of the completed tops and the two Guild representatives on February 10.

Another quilting day will be scheduled as soon as this current cold stretch has finished. The plan is to continue sewing on the

patio until we are allowed back into the Snow to Sun Quilt Room. We certainly miss our Canadian members and those who, due to Covid 19, have not or cannot come "HOME."



Seated: Kathy Kratz and Pam Manley. From left: Tresa Schwery, Susanne Deg, Diane Crofton, Linda Burggraff, Diana Wolf, Mellie Peach, Barb Diedrich and Carol Rosiere.



## Bee News



by Pam Manley

We are in conversation with a group of quilters at Magic Valley RV park who are considering becoming a Bee. We met with the Snow to Sun Bee who were very busy making military service and other quilt tops They submitted a newsletter article about their activities that day. Planning has begun to contact more Bees and sewing groups.

The following are good reasons to stay in or join the Guild:

1. Gain friendship with like-minded quilters.
2. Retreat, a slumber party with like-minded people and sewing time, uninterrupted.
3. Learn new skills and techniques.
  - A. Learning helps keep your mind sharp.
  - B. You can practice on quilts made for others who are generally thrilled to be remembered.
  - C. There is much satisfaction in doing for others.
  - D. You will never be bored.
4. Participate in swaps or group buys.
5. Opportunities for quilt challenges and contests.
6. Special offers and pricing for Guild members.
7. Get feedback and advice, and you can ignore the quilt police.
8. Find inspiration.
9. Get prizes and free stuff.
10. Show and Tell about your latest project.

## Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon

Two cards were sent in January. One was sent to a new member Linda Burggraff from Snow and Sun Resort on the death of her grandson. The other one to Suzanne Brennan to encourage her in her healing of surgeries.

If you have any others in the Guild who need a card of encouragement, get well card, sympathy card, please send the person's name and a general statement to [shadows@rgvqg.com](mailto:shadows@rgvqg.com).

**March 13 RGVQG  
Meeting on Zoom  
9:00 AM**

Watch for Zoom link in email

The call is out for a volunteer to be an upcoming Quilt Show **Chairperson** for the **2023** or **2024 Quilt Show?** Volunteer NOW and you have awesome mentors prior to your own show and we contemplate not virtual, so send an e-mail to [president@rgvq.com](mailto:president@rgvq.com) text to 956-272-2377. If you know someone who would be an awesome Chairperson, nominate them and that person will be contacted. REMEMBER: There Can Be No QUILT Show Without A Chairperson! Let's Keep This Quilt Guild function ONGOING!

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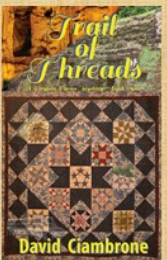
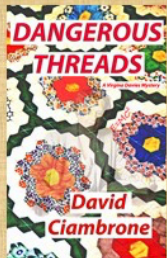
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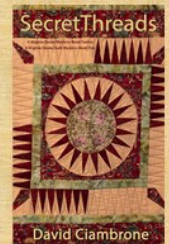
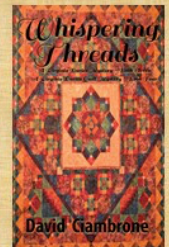
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## Virginia Davies

Beautiful and sexy Virginia Davies Clark a member of the Bee Hive Quilt Bee and Main Street Quilt Guild, is a curator at the Georgetown Museum in Texas. She's also a reserve Special Agent for the Smithsonian Central Security Service. Virginia and her friends go headlong into mysteries and adventures getting into more trouble than anyone should. She's a dynamic combination of Indiana Jones and Jessica Fletcher. She raises havoc and solves crimes in adventures that have nonstop action and are page turning thrillers.



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