



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 32, Weslaco, TX 78599 - rgvqq.com

President's Threads That Bind

by *Kathe Letulle*

The magician will always pull a RABBIT out of their HAT! Well, our Program Magician pulled Needles and Thread out of her hat! Thanks to Jean Waufle, Program Chair, our meeting program reviewed remarkably interesting information regarding Needle and Thread which was imparted to attendees. We send prayers to Tracy **Loyek** - owner of Purple **Katz** in Alberta Canada, who was to be our program speaker, for the family emergency that did not permit her to be with us on Saturday. There are plans to have her at another meeting.

I pray that all our members remain in good health and have a blessed summer. We will patiently wait for your return to the Valley for the 2021-2022 Season.

Read the newsletter, as committee reports will not be announced at the Zoom monthly meeting. We are trying to make the meeting interesting, inviting, and short. We can always catchup on the latest in the newsletter.

Have a blessed month! And hope everyone has a blessed month!

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 - July 10th at 9 AM Central Time.

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

Blessings! Kathe - President@rgvqq.com
956-272-2377

BOARD VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN for Chair and Co-Chair: All other committees need co-chair volunteers.

1. SCHOOLHOUSE - Coordinate Guild members teaching classes to attending Guild members. The opportunity will be coming soon for in-house classes. Members are ready to participate.
2. HISTORIAN - Collect and maintain historical information of the Guild.
3. QUILT SHOW CHAIRS:

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUTURE QUILT SHOWS??? If there is no Quilt Show Chairperson - THERE WILL NOT BE A QUILT SHOW for 2023 and 2024!!! Do you really want that? Volunteer Now!!!

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 an awesome mentor prior to your own show. We contemplate NOT VIRTUAL, so send an e-mail to president@rgvqq.com or text 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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Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

SALE - YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER FOR 2021
FOR ONLY \$20.00

The \$20 dues is only good until October 31, 2021. We are still trying to meet our Budget goal of 250 members, so please invite your friends to join our group.

You can be a member of the Rio Grande Valley from anywhere, as we are meeting via Zoom. You can invite your friends to join us, they can register to be a guest at the monthly meeting.

If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time for only \$20. Your dues are part of the 2021 Budget. The annual dues are normally \$30.00.

Just click on the link below:
<https://form.jotform.com/rgvquiltguild/membership-sale>

or a check made payable to **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** and send to:

RGVQG Membership
PO Box 32
Weslaco, TX 78599-0032

The 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 2021 there are 198 members. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following **New**

Members & Returning Members:

Peggy Fleming
Lynne Johnson of Pharr, TX
Barbara Lou Kissler
Angela Lieser
Jane Pronovost
Dorothy Roth
Sandra Taylor
Phyllis Villarreal

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is www.rgvqg.com

Please email Marty Morrison at membership@rgvqg.com. if you need assistance.

Retreat

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by *Kathe Letulle*

Friendship Star - March 14 - 18, 2022
BlueBonnet Friends - March 20 - 24, 2022

The retreats are now open to all members. So far 34 attendees for Friendship Star Retreat and 40 for BlueBonnet Friends retreat have committed. Print the Retreat Registration form on the As Members Only Page of the Guild Website (rgvqg.com) and mail your deposit of \$100 or full payment of \$300, your preference. Postmark Deadline will determine attendance or the wait list. **Check with your roommates to ensure they have sent in their registration and deposit. The retreat is filling fast!** We are looking forward to the retreats next year and loads of fun interacting with each other!!!

Elaine Hall, Marty Morrison, Kathe Letulle - Retreat Team or retreat@rgvqg.com

Military Service Quilts

by Mellie Peach

At least 13 quilts have been added to the Military Service Quilts (MSQ) storage area; 7 were delivered by Pam Manley and 5 by Mike Hall. The 13th one is a multi service quilt that has 4 of the 5 service branches highlighted. When binding it, Mike Hall noted its unique features and pointed them out to the MSQ committee and also Kathe Letulle and the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce Showcase presentation committee. It is now being kept for demonstration purposes and stored in the storage facility.

Lepita Perez, our contact with RGV VFWs and their Auxiliaries, has been named as the incoming VFW Chief, a statewide VFW position.

Our available balance is now \$518 in addition to the RGVQG's budget line item of \$300 for MSQ. We received a cash contribution of \$468 from a generous individual who is a friend of the Military Service Quilt program and who had a fund-raising event for Military Service Quilts. In addition, a member contributed money from their stimulus check, an idea suggested by other Guilds for members to not only donate fabric, batting, backing and sewn tops, but \$\$ as well. This is another way an individual can assist the MSQ committee in making resources available. Members can donate fabric, batting or backing at any time and cash donations are becoming more and more a necessity. Marshall Dry Goods (MDG) is a source for discount fabric purchases. Please consider keeping the HOBBS bar labels from any package of Hobbs batting, personal size or bolts, and donating them to charity, which includes RGVQG's Military Service Quilts .



Lepita Perez Presenting Quilts To Robert Vela, Vietnam War Veteran Who Earned Vietnam Service And Vietnam Campaign Medals And The National Defense Medal (Above) And To Horacio Lozano, Post Commander Of Vfw Post 3895, La Joya, Texas, Who Was Presented The Iraq Campaign Medal Global War On Terror (Below)



2022 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

by Laural Powell

Is It Live or Is It Memorex?

Well, this time, it looks like it will be LIVE & IN-PERSON!

According to the South Padre Island Convention Centre, all pandemic restrictions have been lifted. Therefore, we should be able to have a full in-person Quilt Show, in February of 2022. As this will be the Quilt Show's Ruby Jubilee, the Quilt Show Board is working diligently to ensure it is a show you won't want to miss.

Come Join Our Gang

The Wizard is looking for some help in OZ!

We still have some open Quilt Show Board positions. You don't need to have any experience, as we have some good people willing to help you. The positions we need the most help with are Demos,



Opportunity Quilt, Programs, Publicity, Silent Auction, Transportation, and Volunteers. Green Bees have stepped up to handle Community Service, and we are looking for another group to take on the Bargain Barn. It is only with your assistance that we are able to hold our Quilt Show each year.

If you are interested or would like more information on any of these positions, please send an email to quiltshow@rgvqg.com.

Ask the Woman Behind the Curtain

If you have a question about the Quilt Show you can send an email to Ask the Woman Behind the Curtain at quiltshow@rgvqg.com.



This month, I got three questions about the 2022 Quilt Show.

Joe asked about the deadline for registration and where can the list of category criteria be found.

Answer: The registration deadline is January 22, 2022, and the list of category criteria is on the Guild website rgvqg.com or through this link https://www.rgvqg.com/uploads/1/2/4/4/124429654/2022_catagories.pdf

Linda asked if there was going to be an appraiser at the 2022 Quilt Show.

Answer: As so many new quilts were made during the pandemic, the Quilt Show Board decided to ask Allison Rainboth back, to do appraisals. We expect online sign-up for appraisals to be on the Guild website (rgvqg.com) about the same time online registration for the Quilt Show opens.

Judy asked about the theme and rules for the Challenge as she missed this information when it was first announced.

Answer: The theme for the 2022 Challenge is "There's No Place Like Home". Challenge projects must be register by January 22, 2022. The Challenge rules can be found on the Guild website rgvqg.com or through this link https://www.rgvqg.com/uploads/1/2/4/4/124429654/2022_challenge.pdf

Sunshine

by Jackie Landon

Two cards were sent in June. One was sent to member **Elaine Hall** whose husband went through hip replacement surgery in May. The other one to **Chris Cowen** on the death of her mother in May.

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.

Request

Fellow Members of RGVQG you are requested to save any Hobbs packaged batting product UPC labels for the Military Service Quilt program. As a charitable group, we can purchase Hobbs batting at a greatly reduced price plus 5 UPC labels per roll with a two roll limit per order.

The two options are:

1. Heirloom 80/20 Blend 96" x 30 yds, priced at \$80.00/roll
2. 100% polyester 96" x 30 yds, priced at \$31.00/roll

Shipping fees will be added to each order.

Just clip the label and save for the Military Service Quilt Committee.

Two samples from Hobbs packages:



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

by Diana Wolf

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Present were Dale Shafer, Annette Sweet, Audrey Croft, Beate Keith, Bonnie Hall, Carrah Maney, Chris Cowan, Debbie Williams, Diana Wolf, Diane unknown, Florea Flores, Garnett Weaver, Gayle Steinbeck, Jackie Landon, Jackie Ridlon, Jane Ross, Jean Waufler, Mary Britton, June Bourneman, Karen Knowlton, Kathe Letulle, Kathy Snyder, Kris Driscoll, Laural Powell, Laurie Magee, Linda Damon, Lucy Klass, Lynne Johnson, Marty Morrison, Mary Camp, Mellie Peach, Michael Hall, Renee Pageau, Roberta Brosch, Sandy Bagot, Terry Davis, Val Forsyth, and Vicki Guerra. Quorum established.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Kathe Letulle, President.

Mike Hall presented the following budget and answered questions:

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Treasurer's May 2021 Report

Monthly Account Balances as of 5/31/2021

RGVQG Checking	
Beginning Balance	\$14,982.39
Income	476.32
Expenses	\$200.00
Ending Balance	\$15,258.71
Outstanding Check	(\$1000.00)
PayPal Transfer Pending	\$176.64
RGVQG Savings	
Beginning Balance	\$33,162.48
Interest Income	\$0.84
Ending Balance	\$33,163.32
RGVQG Quilt Show	
Beginning Balance	\$13,846.27
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$25.00
Ending Balance	\$13,821.27
RGVQG Retreat	\$3,000.00

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Income was derived from a cash donation to the Military Service committee of \$468.00 by a person outside the Guild who strongly supports these efforts. The quarterly distribution from the Amazon Smile program contributed \$8.32. It was approved for audit.

Diana Wolf stated the minutes were posted in the last month's newsletter, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. The Secretary's report was approved.

Quilt Show Chair, Laural Powell, provided a summary of news regarding the Quilt Show. The South Padre Island Convention Center have lifted all COVID related restrictions. Therefore, we can have the same space and the same number of vendors. Some members have been working on their red and white quilt to be exhibited at the show, others are working on their Challenge quilts. Totes and More and the Silent Auction will be offered again and they are looking for donations for both, from both within and outside the Guild. There are still several positions open on the Quilt Show Board and are looking for volunteers. Contact Laural if interested at quiltshow@rgvqg.com, there is no experience required. The Show Committee is trying to make this a very special show as this is the Show's 40th anniversary.

The Guild needs a Show Chair for 2023 and 2024. This is the best time to volunteer so you can see the procedures this year and adapt them for the following years when you are chair. If no one volunteers, there will be no show. The Show is a significant source of revenue for the Guild.

Jean Waufle presented much information about needles and thread, because the members asked for this as a program when surveyed. It was well presented, concise, easy to understand and enjoyed by the members.

Newsletter articles are due to Judy Brown, Editor, by Monday evening, but if you have an article, please sent it to her before Sunday if you can.

Door prize winners were announced by Gayle Steinbeck. They are Laural Powell, Jane Ross, Sandy Bagot, Lynn Johnson, and Mellie Peach.

The Guild needs a Sunshine and Schoolhouse Committee chairs. Please volunteer or send Kathe a name of someone you think might be interested.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf.

Newsletter Advertising

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

Deadline: Monday following meeting on second Saturday of the month to be included in our next monthly publication. July 2021 content is due by the 12th. Newsletter is posted 12 times each year. Paid advertisers may put one ad per month on our Facebook page at no cost.

Guidelines for Article Submission:

- 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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