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President's Threads That Bind

by *Kathe Letulle*

My how time flies when we are having fun! And fun was had at the July Guild Meeting. Debi Warner was the real deal Contessa! Not only did she keep us all in stitches, but she did also do it with a very straight face – and her presentation was highly informative. What a lady! PLUS, a real asset to the Guild. THANK YOU, Debi.

And what an act to follow. For the August program, I, your president, will be giving you many ideas of items for the Bargain Barn, which Debi Warner will be handling for the Quilt Show. These items can also be used as gifts, selling yourself, or personal use. There also will be instructions on how to complete these items. So have pencil and paper handy!

There are continual prayers that there will be members to volunteer to host future quilt shows. These quilt shows are very essential to the continuance of our Guild. Our Guild has been very blessed that we have weathered the Pandemic Storm thus far with pinching pennies to survive. The savings account has remained intact although no funds were received from the virtual Quilt Show. Funding from the Annual Quilt Show is where payments to national teachers for classes and programs, ability to have in house meetings, member instructors for schoolhouse classes, members to host programs for off-season Guild Meetings, etc. Not to mention all the yearly "must

be paid" bills for the Guild and Quilt Show. The 2022 IN HOUSE Quilt Show will be the last quilt show without Volunteers for 2023, 2024 and future Quilt Shows.

There are a lot of members who go beyond the norm to ensure that your Guild survives. These individuals are the silent members who do not expect recognition. But if you know any of these members, please give them a THANK YOU for their efforts, because it is for all members that they put forth the extra effort for the survival of OUR GUILD.

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 - August 14th at 9 AM Central Time.

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

Blessings! Kathe - President@rgvqg.com
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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.co/rgvquiltguild/membership-sale> or send a check made payable to **Rio Grande**

Valley Quilt Guild 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.

No changes since the last newsletter, so for 2021 there are 198 members.

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

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 35 attendees for Friendship Star Retreat and 44 for BlueBonnet Friends retreat are signed up. That leaves on 13 spots open for Friendship and 4 for BlueBonnet, then the Wait List opens. Print the Retreat Registration form on the 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

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

67 items were reported for 1,279 hours and \$9,272.75

1st and 2nd quarter total is 746 items for 6,476.6 hours and \$46,955.35 value.

Please remember to report your donations. There is a [reporting form](#) on the website. Thank you.

Military Service Quilts

by Mellie Peach

By late fall Lucy Klaas and Mellie Peach plan to have new guidelines and a statement of eligibility requirements for receipt of a Military Service Quilt. To date they've had only a few casual comments and suggestions. Suggestions can be emailed to them via the website or their personal emails or texts. If open discussions can resume in October they will need to be via Zoom. Lucy is involved with planning a celebration on Veterans Day, 2021. Plans are also in the making for Military Sew Days when parks can be open to quilters from other parks. At present most parks are not allowing sew days as we had in the past.

During the past month there have been two presentations of quilts to Rio Grande Valley Veterans. On June 12, the RGVQG MSQ had presentations by Macaela Reyes of the District VFW staff who presented Armando Villa, a resident of Edinburg and an Army Vietnam Veteran, one of the RGVQG's beautiful quilts. Mr Villa earned the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and twice received the Army Good Conduct Medal.



Lepita Perez, State of Texas VFW Chief presented a RGVQG MSQ to James Platt, a Navy Global War Veteran. He is Commander of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

"We thank the RGV VFW for their willingness to present the veterans these quilts. We know the recipients are very grateful and presenting them to one of them is always a very humbling experience," Mellie Peach said.



Your Help Is Needed

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

1. HISTORIAN - Collect and maintain historical information of the Guild.
2. 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@rgvqg.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!

2022 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

by Laural Powell

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 two questions about the 2022 Quilt Show.

Mary asked if we will need sewing machines for the classes at the Quilt Show in February, and when will the class registration open.

Answer: Descriptions and supply list for both of the Quilt Show classes is currently on the Guild website (rgvqg.com), on the Programs page. There will be no sewing machines needed for either of the classes at the Quilt Show. Registration for these classes will open on September 1, 2021.

Nancy asked if we will be able to request a critique of our entries as we did in 2020.

Answer: Yes, Allison Rainboth (who will be doing appraisals) has agreed to provide written critiques by request. This information will be on the form when you register your project for the Quilt Show.

By Laws

by Diana Wolf

At the suggestion of Mike Hall, Treasurer, we are proposing a small addition to the Bylaws to help the Guild maintain our compliance with IRS and Texas financial requirements. To do this the following Bylaw addition is proposed:

4.12.03 Treasurer

Documents pertaining to the Guild financial status shall be handled as per requirements of the IRS and the State of Texas.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Debbie Williams

There are plans to resume Schoolhouse classes in November 2021, classroom space at Trophy Gardens permitting.

Classes are open to all Guild members for a fee of \$20. Non-members will need to join the Guild for \$30 prior to registering for the Schoolhouse class.

Classes will be held 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A lunch break will be scheduled during this time. You may want to bring your lunch, or there are a few restaurants close by.

What's currently planned for 2021:

Friday, November 5, 2021

"Featherweight Maintenance"

Instructor: Diana Wolf

What do Swedish Fish and Featherweights have in common? Diana will share this and much, much more during this hands on class. Your Featherweight should be cleaned and maintained at least once a year, regardless of how much use it gets. Be sure to bring your machine to the valley this winter and sign up for this class. Your Featherweight will appreciate it!

Friday, December 3, 2021

"Fabric Wrapped Corded Bowls"

Instructor: Judy Gillen

If you have ever wanted to learn how to make clothesline bowls with fabric scraps, this is your class. You will need to have a sewing machine with zig zag capability to create these delightful bowls. Judy will provide examples of bowls with a variety of embellishments to make your bowls really special.

If you have a quilting technique or project that you feel would make a great Schoolhouse class, please contact Debbie Williams at schoolhouse@rgvqg.com. There are openings for January, February and March 2022.

Ruby Jubilee Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show “Wizard of OZ”

February 18-19, 2022
9am – 4pm

www.rgvquiltshow.org

Hundreds of Quilts in 14 Categories

“No Place Like Home” Quilt Challenge

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| Military Service Quilts | Hourly Demos |
| Community Service | Bargain Barn |
| Tote, Bags & More | Door Prizes |
| Opportunity Quilt | Block Party |
| Silent Auction | Vendors |

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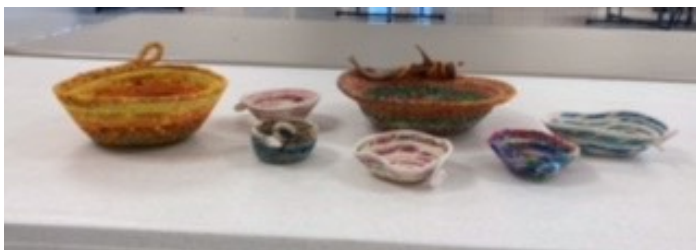


Winter Haven Border Quilters

by Mary Camp

Our Bee was active during Covid with Zoom, first thru the generosity of our Guild, then our Activity Committee. Was wonderful to see each other, share show and tell, have a program and even do a Mystery Quilt.

When our Activity Center reopened those of us that are full time here in the Valley started meeting every week. Our first project was a table runner. Next project was taught by a new member, Judy Gillen. Rope baskets:



What a great class... several made more than one.

Five of us chose a Santa wall hanging next...others worked on different projects. Now we are all doing different projects.

We are fortunate to have the space from 9 am to 3 pm and most bring a lunch. Sometimes we don't get much sewing done, as we are busy chatting, sharing projects, fabric finds, all things Quilting and enjoying friendship.

We are looking forward to seeing our Guild friends in person.

Honey Bees

by Jane Ross

The Honey Bees of San Benito have been busy this summer. We have been planning projects to create this next season. Our Program Chairs have given us a list of projects for the upcoming season and we have been busy going through our "Fabric Banks" assembling "kits" to work on this next season.

Several have been busy completing their own personal "UFO" projects.

Fiber Arts Unlimited

by Pat Cooper

Fiber Arts unlimited has had a busy 2021 so far. In April we had our annual Fiber Arts show in the gallery at the Upper Valley Art League in Mission Texas. For the first time we exhibited our art pieces grouped by artist with artist statements. Of course we still had our "challenge wall" where we displayed the pieces we made in response to our challenges. We had a great show and a wonderful time. Hopefully next year we will get back to having a reception as we have had pre-Covid.

One of our members Vicki Guerra worked up a great background piece for our banner, another member, Charlyn Trussell worked on lettering. The rest of us are working on our individual elements.

We have been working on a group challenge where we pick a word for a technique and a word for a theme, our challenge was Embroidery/stamp and posed a real "challenge" for many of us. Our pieces are due this Monday (7/12) and we are eager to see what everyone has come up with.

We have also sponsored our first ever grant writing. We wrote and applied for a grant from Fiber Art Now for funds to be used in the gallery should we be awarded the grant. It was quite the learning experience and we plan to look for more opportunities in the future.

Several of our members are also participating in the UVAL Art Fair. An indoor fair that has been running on Fridays and Saturdays in June and July. There are still a few weekend to see the great items in this fair (in addition to fiber entries there are photographic art, pottery, watercolors, acrylics and demonstrations). The fair will run through July 31st. You can see photos at the Facebook site <https://www.Facebook.com/uval.us>

Finally, we have made our first group entry to the Quilting Arts Readers Challenge "Scrolls and Rolls"

by submitting photos of a group piece titled Toilet Paper Panic. This was a member challenge, we made 4 inch square pieces related to the pandemic. One of our members, Fran Wessel assembled the pieces and attached them to a toilet paper roll and was displayed at our show. Attached is a picture of Toilet Paper Challenge. It made us laugh and helped us cope.



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

by Diana Wolf

Saturday, July 7, 2021

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

Kathe introduced two new chairs, Jan Rondeau as Publicity, and Debbie Williams as Schoolhouse. An Historian is still needed.

Mike Hall presented the following:

Treasurer's June 2021 Report Monthly Account Balances as of 6/30/2021

RGVQG Checking	
Beginning Balance	\$15,258.71
Income	802.16
Expenses	\$1025.00
Ending Balance	\$15,035.87
Transfer Pending to Quilt Show	(\$636.56)
RGVQG Savings	
Beginning Balance	\$33,163.32
Interest Income	\$0.82
Ending Balance	\$33,164.13
RGVQG Quilt Show	
Beginning Balance	\$13,821.27
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$106.56
Ending Balance	\$13,714.71
Transfer Pending from Checking	(\$636.56)
RGVQG Retreat	\$3,000.00

A check was written to Rosario Garcia for her academic scholarship and will appear in next month's budget. He requested volunteers to help audit all the Treasurer's accounts as required prior to renewing our insurance. Four persons volunteered to help early in August. The report was filed for audit.

The Secretary's report was presented by Diana Wolf and accepted without any changes.

Quilt Show Chair, Laural Powell, presented an extensive update. She shared the Show flyer and encouraged people to share it as many as you wish. Pins are ordered. The program information for the Show has been posted to the Guild Show page. There will two locations for drop off and pickup for Show Quilts, one in Pharr and one in Port Isabel. Mary Camp will be running Totes, Bags and More, and Debi Warner will be running the Bargain Boutique. She is still looking for volunteers in these areas: Silent Auction, Transportation, Volunteers, Programs, Opportunity Quilt and Demonstrations. Volunteers need no experience, others serving in these positions in the past will be very willing to share their knowledge.

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The Transportation chair will coordinate with RV Park busses in the Valley, and possible with bus companies to bring attendees from San Antonio or Houston areas.

Kathe noted there were several members gathered together in one location on the Zoom call today, so more were in attendance than noted in the Zoom reports.

There is an urgent need for Show Chairs for the 2023 and the 2024 shows. Kathe asked for volunteers for these positions. It was noted that the current Show Committee will eagerly support anyone who steps forward.

Kathe Letulle wants members to take pictures of their quilts for Show and Tell at our General Meetings on Zoom. Send those pictures along to Kathe.

Jean Waufle mentioned that next month the program will be Kathe Letulle. She will be presenting quick items to make for the Bargain Boutique, or these can also be gift items for your friends and relatives.

Jean then presented Debi Warner who presented a program on the Quilting Contessa, a blog she writes for Quilt Hub. She covered a wide variety of quilting topics, from a flower pounding dyeing technique to some history about some very special quilts.

Kathe asked members to read the newsletter for all the other committee reports. Members mentioned they like this format as the meetings are shorter. The deadline for articles is Monday evening. The articles should be directed to newsletter@rgvqg.com.

A member asked when will be able to meet again in person. It is a decision to be made by Wilder Parks management.

Door prize winners were announced. Show and Tell was conducted by Mike Hall.

Our new Schoolhouse Chair, Debbie Williams, is hoping some of our many talented members will

volunteer to teach a Schoolhouse class. She is very open to a variety of class ideas.

Kathe thanked all the members on Zoom for being present and supporting the Guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Secretary

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. August 2021 content is due by the 16th. 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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