



# RGVQGG News

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 32, Weslaco, TX 78599 - [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)

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## President's Threads That Bind

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### The Blessings of Donations

In this issue of the newsletter, you will see information on the success of our donations. Bonnie Hall announced that the project to provide a quilt and pillowcase to all foster system graduates this spring has met its goal! Our rummage/garage sale this month raised money for our Guild projects. Money raised by the joint Scholarship/Military Service tables will be split between those projects. Money raised by the sale of Library books will go to shelving. Leftovers from the Bargain Boutique will put \$70 in the coffers towards next year's quilt show. Speaking of the quilt show, a check for \$5,000 was presented to the Guild by Laural Powell, the 2022 Quilt Show Chair. This is quite exciting given that they only hoped to break even. We look forward to a more in the years ahead. This issue of the newsletter also features an article telling Guild members how they can donate to the Guild through the Amazon Smile program. Several of us recently have reported being able to donate when we use PayPal. Be sure to fill out the form on our website when you donate to different organizations. The IRS requires us to track this information to keep our 501(c)3 status. It also helps us to remember when we count our blessings!

Marsha Santow and Debi Warner

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## Schoolhouse Classes

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by Debbie Williams

*Schoolhouse is done for the spring! Look for announcements in August or September of exciting opportunities to learn in classes starting again in November.*

## Membership Information

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by Marty Morrison

You can be a member of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild 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.

The annual dues are \$30.00.

Just click on the link below:

<https://form.jotform.co/rgvquiltguild/membership> or

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

RGVQG Membership

PO Box 32

Weslaco, TX 78599-0032

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 that has changed, so the Guild Directory can be updated.

There will be no Membership cards printed, but you will receive an e-mail with the password information to access the “Members Only” and Guild Directory information.

For the 2022 membership we currently have **244**. Since the last newsletter we want to “Welcome” the following **New & Returning Members**:

Kathy Avara	Judy Bateman
Yvonne Blush	Connie Bowen
Ginger Davis	Fran Mansfield
Vera McEvoy	Kathleen McKee
Cathy Mott	Karen Muirhead
Jane Noonan	Karen Pastor
Ingrid Pietsch	Julianne Rantala
Anne Renkly	Carole Spencer
Sandy Taylor	Jean Waufle

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com).

Please email Marty Morrison at [membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com) if you need assistance.

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## Retreat News

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by Kathe Letulle

FRIENDSHIP STAR RETREAT is in full swing with 31 attendees. Looking forward to BLUEBONNET FRIENDS RETREAT the next week with 48 attendees. Looking forward to vendors bringing their wares so all the ladies can SHOP SHOP SHOP! We are so blessed to have many first timers attending this season. Missing are the regulars but they are with us in spirit.

Be sure to check with anyone who attended this season retreat as to the activities, helpfulness of attendees, building new and old friendships and an all-around great time. - I am not leaving out the FOOD!!

We now have the dates for 2023 retreats:

Friendship Star - March 13-17, 2023

Bluebonnet Friends - March 19-23, 2023

Please text or email me at the information below so I may know of your interest about next year's retreats.

Blessings,  
Kathe Letulle  
956-272-2377

[retreat@rgvqg.com](mailto:retreat@rgvqg.com)

## Facebook

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by Laural O'Brien

If you are a new or returning Guild Member, be sure to look up the Guild Facebook Group,

[Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild](#) and request to join, if you haven't already.

This Group is a great way to stay connected with other Guild Members and up-to-date on Guild activities.

Also checkout the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show page, on Facebook, for ongoing updates on the Quilt Show.

# Sunshine and Shadows

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by Jackie Landon

Cards being sent this month, March 2022,

Jan Markham for upcoming neck surgery; Evelyn Fincher for knee replacement; Lucy Klaas - recuperating from illness; Marty Morrison-husband was recently in the hospital; Pam Horstman - husband is in the hospital; Sharon Chapman - for illness; Mellie Peach - recovering from a stroke.

Please keep all of these in your prayers. Most of these you'll find in the 2022 membership lists.

If you have anyone who needs a Sympathy Card, Get Well Card, or Thinking of You card from the RGV Quilt guild, please contact me at [sunshine@rgvqg.com](mailto:sunshine@rgvqg.com) giving me the name and a little information or type of card.

## April 9<sup>th</sup> Program - Erumprints

Erum Javed the creative mind behind Erumprints is a fine artist who has developed into a textile and jewelry designer. Her influences are derived from modern western sources that are further refined and re-conceptualized to compliment her eastern culture and traditions.

She is an artist with a deep love for prints, patterns, motives, colors, and textiles. She grew up amidst the rich tapestry of cotton and silk fabrics and has a special love for the varied textures and colors of cotton and silk.

Erum will be presenting her digital printing process of creating unique fabric

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# Amazon Smile Contributions to Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

AmazonSmile is a way customers can support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon, at no additional cost. Customers who shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the eligible purchase price to the charity of your choice.

## How to sign up for AmazonSmile

### How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

1. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
2. Select your charity (Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild)
3. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for your chosen charity. **Tip:** Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

### How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (=)
3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
4. Select your charity (Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild) and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for your charity.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit [smile.amazon.com/ontheho](https://smile.amazon.com/ontheho) to learn more.



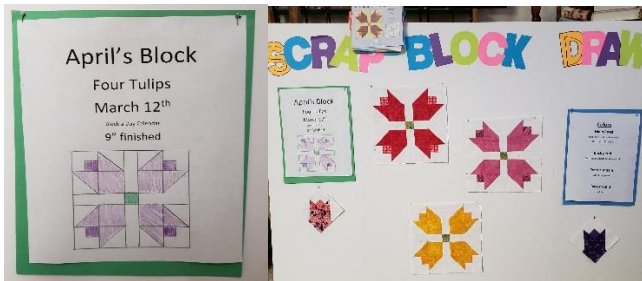
# Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

Nancy Malmin, February's winner of the 22 Four Corners blocks, also won the 19 King's Crown blocks at the March meeting. She did not have a finished project. She joked "maybe I can win April's blocks too!" She has a wedding gift quilt to make and February and April's blocks do go nicely together!

April's block is Four Tulips, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Block a Day Calendar, a 9" finished block.

Suggested colors are "tulip", like pink, red, yellow, peach, lavender, etc. The contrast square should be a different shade of the main petal color and center square a medium green.



# Military Service Quilts

by Lucy Klaas



### Comforting our Veterans with Quilts

Submitted by Maureen Stinson

One of the ways the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild members share their love of quilting is by providing military quilts for resident veterans in the Rio Grande Valley. During the Winter Texan season, the Guild has about 300 members. It is during this time that the Guild sponsors Military Sew Events in several parks in the Valley to bring volunteers together to sew and assemble the quilts.

February 11, Trophy Gardens RV Park in Alamo sponsored a RGV Quilt Guild Military Sew. Volunteers from the park and Guild members from several other parks arrived to spend the day constructing and bundling quilts to be sent to a long-arm quilter for completion. There were 51 volunteers in attendance. At the end of the day, 24 quilts were bundled (matching the quilt top, batting and quilt bottom) and 16 additional quilt tops were completed. It was a very successful day!

At noon, the group came together for a light luncheon before heading back to work. The luncheon, prepared by volunteers, was made possible by generous donations from local food stores. Thank you to Junior's Supermarket in San Juan, HEB in Alamo, and Walmart in Alamo. Their donations were greatly appreciated by the Guild and the volunteers that day.

In 2019, before COVID interrupted all of our lives, over 20 of the Guild quilts were given to veterans at the Brook Ridge Retirement Community. This year, the Guild presented quilts to veterans during the RGV Quilt Show held on South Padre Island. Veterans are identified through a nomination process. To qualify to receive a quilt for military service, the nominee must be a year-round resident of the Rio Grande Valley.

On Saturday of the RGV Quilt Show, we were honored to observe the presentation of military quilts to Anthony Russo, U.S. Navy, Petty Officer Second Class 1965-1971; Dan Goad, U.S. Marine Corps, Captain 1964-1972; and Daniel L. Castillo, U.S. Marine Corps, Gunnery Sergeant 2001-2016.

We thank these men for their service, and the Guild is looking forward to continuing this work and providing even more quilts through this program in the future.



Plans for another bundle day this spring and a quilt presentation at the April meeting are in the works.



# RGV Quilt Show

by Laural Powell

## 2022 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

Even though there was doubt in some people's minds, we were actually able to pull off an in-person quilt show. Not only did we have an in-person show, but everyone seemed to really enjoy it!

The Quilt Show Board worked all year just hoping to be able to have a live show and break even, as this was our first year back. Well due to the efforts of everyone who volunteered and everyone who attended, we did better than break even. The Quilt Show present a check to the Guild for \$5,000.00, at the March Guild meeting. We are still in the process of rebuilding, but this was a great step forward!



At the March Guild meeting, we also presented the Opportunity Tote to Melissa Bradley, the Opportunity Wall Hanging to Jean Waufle, and the Opportunity Quilt was won by Diane Gomez.



The 2022 Opportunity Quilt was unveiled at the November Guild meeting. "Ruby Whirlwind" is an 80"x80" quilt, made up of 64 pineapple blocks.



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Ruby slipper pillow from the last scraps of red!!



Bonnie Hall has posted a slideshow of all the category winners on the Guild website, along with the Best of Show Quilt "Lemon Pie" by Jean Cline.



## Bee News

Spring Break and retreating has many of our bee keepers buzzing elsewhere. They plan to update us next month.

### Pharr Bee It

By Kris Driscoll



The quilters of Pharr South 2 weeks ago voted unanimously to become an official bee of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. We are known as "Pharr Bee It". 13 of the 21 of us attended the March meeting & garage sale. We're excited to finally be known as a bee.

## Do You Want to Judge Quilts?-

Dear Rio Grande Valley Quilters,

I have attached information describing the **Two-Day Introduction to Quilt Judging Seminar** that I will be co-teaching with Pat Harrison October 10-11, 2022 in Missouri City, TX. Would you kindly share this information with members that might be interested in our seminar?

These seminars occur a few times per year in a variety of locations across the country, as demand requires. There are currently 51 NACQJ certified judges. Given that there are far more shows per year than the number of judges, we would like to interest more quilters in becoming judges! Seminars can be requested from any of the seven qualified instructors. We are always looking for additional venues. You might like to take a look at our website at

<https://www.nacqj.com/2-day-judging-seminars.html>

Thank you!

Beverly Fine

National Association of Certified Quilt Judges'  
Qualified Instructor

## Community Service

by Chris Cowan

62 items, 278 hours, \$2015.50 value

February donations included clothing during the cold snap. I'm sure they were much appreciated.

## Treasurer Report

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's February 2022 Report  
Monthly Account Balances as of 2/28/2022

RGVQG Checking			
Beginning Balance		\$15,597.89	
Income			
2022 Schoolhouse Registration	\$140.00		
2022 Membership Dues	\$600.00		
Paypal Donations	\$9.57		
Carla Klopp binder payments	\$240.00		
		\$989.57	\$989.57
Expense			
PayPal transaction fees	(\$26.94)		
Trophy Gardens Rental	(\$350.00)		
February Schoolhouse Instructor	(\$50.00)		
	(\$426.94)	(\$426.94)	
Ending Balance		\$16,160.52	
RGVQG Savings			
Beginning Balance		\$33,170.01	
Interest Income		\$0.76	
Ending Balance		\$33,170.77	
RGVQG Quilt Show			
Beginning Balance		\$14,789.84	
Income		\$21,681.78	
Expenses		(\$8,636.22)	
Ending Balance		\$27,835.40	
RGVQG Retreat		\$3,000.00	

Detailed income and expense reports are available upon request.



## 2023 Show "Under the Sea"

February 10-11, 2023

Debi and Laural having fun introducing the theme at the guild meeting! Meet Oggie Octopus, show mascot!



## NEW TO THE 2023 QUILT SHOW

Come to the IMAGINATION STATION and get that "Creative Spark"!

Our Bees will demonstrate a project, then provide kits for YOU to purchase and take home!

GET READY FOR SOME FUN- you won't want to miss out! Questions? Contact Paula McCutcheon

## RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RGVQG General Meeting

March 12, 2022

Marsha Santow opened the meeting. Laural Powell did a short presentation on the 2022 Quilt show and announced the winners of the Opportunity drawing. Laural Powell presented a check for \$5,000.00 behalf of the 2022 Quilt Show to Marsha Santow for Guild. Debi Warner and Laural Powell spoke about the theme of the 2023 Quilt Show, Under the Sea. The dates of the Quilt Show have been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of February (February 10-11, 2023).

The schoolhouse projects from the previous week were shown off (Fun with Circles). Chris Cowan came up and Block of the month was drawn; no quilts were brought in from the previous month. Fat Quarter winners were drawn.

Marsha Santow closed the meeting which kicked off the Rummage Sale.

## Sponsor a 2022 HS Senior - Quilt Gift

The 3rd annual "Adopt a 2022 High School Senior from Foster Care" campaign is underway. They were asking for quilting sponsors across Texas in order to honor and gift a hand-made twin-size quilt set (blanket and pillowcase) to each CPS foster youth graduating this Class of 2022.

For Texas, there are 622 seniors graduating. Due to privacy issues mandated by CPS, we cannot know what county they live in, their names, their gender but DO KNOW they are graduating this school year. With that information, the quilts needed to be gender-neutral colors/designs.

The Rio Grande Valley is in region 11. Region 11 has 46 foster seniors graduating in 2022.



Our guild stepped up to the plate and Bonnie Hall would like to thank EVERYONE that provided a quilt and pillowcase for the Foster Care 2022 Graduates project. We have reached our goal! The quilt/pillowcase sets will be taken to the Department of Family and Protective Services office in Harlingen by April 15, 2022.

## 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. April 2022 content is due by the 13<sup>th</sup>. 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

### RGVQG Disclaimer

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Kathè Letulle - Owner

*Call for an appointment*

The following three flyers were sent to let us know about upcoming quilt shows we might want to check out.

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Yea, for Quilt Shows.... Again!

***Eiffel In Love With Quilts, Paris, Texas***  
*May 13 & 14, 2022*

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Please help us spread the word!  
We would appreciate it if you would make an announcement at your next guild meeting.

*Wait there's more:*  
We still have room for a few Vendors, if any of your local shop owners are interested, visit the [website: parisquiltshow.com](http://www.parisquiltshow.com) for more information and registration forms.

*Wait, there's still more:*  
Quilts are needed. Let your guild members know! Deadline for quilt submission is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms for submitting a quilt for display and possible award are listed on the website: [website: parisquiltshow.com](http://www.parisquiltshow.com)

Thank you for your help. If you have questions related to being a vendor, contact me, Connie Steadman, 903-715-7690.  
For information regarding quilt submission contact Stacy Miller, 903-491-4781





# QUILT SHOW

HEIRLOOM STITCHER'S GUILD OF CUERO

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 10 AM TO 4 PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 9 AM TO 3 PM

## VFW

934 US HWY 183N  
CUERO, TX

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Vendors will have a variety of goods for sale and the Scissor Guy will be there to sharpen your scissors and knives



Drawing For New Sewing Machine  
Saturday - 2 PM

ADMISSION: \$5.00

11th Biennial Quilt Show

### Quilted Fields of Dreams



of Fredericksburg

September 2 & 3, 2022  
Friday 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm  
(Admission \$10 per person  
or \$15 for 2-day pass)

Location:

Fredericksburg United  
Methodist Church  
1800 N. Llano  
(Hwy 16 N)  
Fredericksburg, Texas

[www.vereinsquiltguild.org](http://www.vereinsquiltguild.org)

