



## President's

### Threads That Bind

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I hope everyone is getting ready to enjoy summer. I am packing up to go to Michigan for the summer. I'll be staying at a campground in Colon, Michigan, which is the magic capital of Michigan. I am trying to not pack too much, but still have everything that I might need. You know I will forget at least one thing. This is worse than packing for retreat. Of course there are lots of quilt shops near where I stay. I am glad to announce that we now have a new secretary. Lila Helm has volunteered to fill this position. I still have an opening for someone to take publicity. This will help us get our guild out there for new people to discover. Wishing you all good stitching.

Marsha Santow

### 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.*

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## Sunshine and Shadows

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by Jackie Landon

If you have anyone who needs a Sympathy Card, Get Well Card, or Thinking of You card from the RGVQGG, please contact me at [sunshine@rgvqg.com](mailto:sunshine@rgvqg.com) giving me the name and a little information or type of card. I'll get a card out, made by M. Lynn Johnson, to that person. Both of us are from the new Bee created, Pharr Bee It. The last two months I've sent cards to these guild members: Mauverdyne Hambleton; Josie McVey who took her son to Houston; Kimberley Unger who had Back Surgery; Susan Coleman, whose husband died; and Paula McCutcheon. Thank you for letting me know about these friends of the Guild.

## 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.

I'm starting early - looking for a Membership Person to replace me in 2023. When we meet again in person in November would be a great time for someone to learn the membership process. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting.

For the 2022 membership we currently have 251. Since the last newsletter we want to “Welcome” the following **New & Returning Members**:

Iris Garman

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.

## Retreat News

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*by Kathe Letulle*

Retreat for 2023 are open for attendance either by immediate 9 (nine) spots in Friendship or Wait List in Bluebonnet. There has never been a year when the wait lists were not emptied and phone calls to friends to fill the vacant spots.

The forms are located on the website - [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) under the retreat heading registration form. Just print off the form for the Friendship Star Retreat, make check out to RGVQG-Retreat and send to Kathe Letulle at the address on the form. If you wish to be placed on the Wait List for Blue Bonnet Retreat - please email your request to [retreat@rgvqg.com](mailto:retreat@rgvqg.com) or text your request to Kathe Letulle (956-272-2377).

Dates for 2023 retreats:

Friendship Star - March 13-17, 2023

Bluebonnet Friends - March 19-23, 2023

The retreats are so much more than fun. The friendships previously and newly made are everlasting. The facility is awesome, and the FOOD is TO DIE FOR! Everyone is willing to assist in any quilting, sewing, pattern questions, etc - everyone has a suggestion, just use the one that works best for you. Did I forget to mention the many quilt shops in the area for SHOPPING! Vendors even come to our retreat to show the latest and greatest plus bring product for us to touch and feely - then purchase.

We are so blessed to have these retreats at our fingertips and once you attend - you are hooked for many years to come.

So sign up

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.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for your chosen charity. **Tip:** Add a bookmark

to make it easier to shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://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/onthego](http://smile.amazon.com/onthego) to learn more.

Another way to support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD is through **Give with Bing**

Microsoft Rewards lets you support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD through its Give with Bing program. After signing up and selecting our organization, you can earn rewards points just for searching the web with Bing. Microsoft then turns those points into cash donations to us.

The program is free--you just need to sign up with a Microsoft account. As of May 2021, Microsoft Rewards has donated more than [\$6.5 million] to nonprofits around the world.

Join now **RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD (Give with Bing)**

<http://www.bing.com/give>

Microsoft Edge uses Bing. You can also get the Bing app for iPad, iPhone and Android. Please call Bonnie, 740-398-1629, if you need help setting up Give with Bing.

# Military Service Quilts

. by Lucy Klaas

We presented 5 quilts at the quilt show. 2 were delivered and 1 will be presented at the guild meeting on Saturday. Evelyn Fincher has accepted a position on my committee for the following year. If anyone needs a quilt during the summer, please contact Kathy Dunning at Alamo Country Club.

# RGV Quilt Show

Co-chairs Laural Powell and Debi Warner

## 2023 Show "Under the Sea"

February 10-11, 2023



### Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

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Chairs' Choice Category for 2023 - "Storms at Sea"

Any variation of a Storm at Sea. Any size as long as it does not exceed the maximum perimeter of 480".

Oggie can't wait to see how creative everyone gets with this category!

"The Storm at Sea quilt pattern makes for an exciting quilt—full of movement—all due to the juxtaposition of square and rectangular blocks. Your eyes try to tell you there's curved piecing, but there's not a curved seam in the quilt!"

# Flyers for the show

A flyer for the 41st Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show "Under the Sea". The background is blue with illustrations of a seahorse, a jellyfish, and a treasure chest with a red octopus. Text includes: "41st Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show 'Under the Sea'", "February 10 - 11, 2023 9am - 4pm", "South Padre Island Convention Centre", "7355 Padre Blvd. South Padre Island, TX", "Admission: Adults - \$10 a day or \$15 both days, Teens 13-18 - \$5 per day, Children 12 and under are FREE", "Check us out at rgvqg.com or LIKE US ON facebook", "Hundreds of Quilts in 14 Categories", "'Treasurers of the Sea' Quilt Challenge", "Shopping", "Silent Action", "Quilts For Sale", "Quilt Appraisals", "Opportunities to Win!", and "Presented by the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild a non-profit organization".

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## Appraisal stories

The chest in the attic was calling your name. Grandma had left a lot behind but you were a little scared to find out what. So far, it had been mostly cancelled check books.

The chest in the far corner yields a quilt top with blocks like the one pictured. When you turn it over, you see the primitive black stitching in the



next photo

Taking the quilt top to your bee, someone says it looks Civil War era to her and you know that would be pre-Grandma.

What do you do? Is the top that old? Is it worth repairing? Should you try to repair it? Should you clean it? How?

The answer is that you should pack it very carefully and bring it to the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show. There, you can make an appointment with our appraiser, Allison Rainboth. Allison will talk with you and help you answer those questions and more.

Remember, Allison must see the quilt top in person, so don't forget to bring it when you travel to the Valley next fall!

## Programs

By Jan Rondeau



## **Gift Exchange**

As we return to Zoom meetings, a lot of us are feeling isolated and will miss our quilting friends. The Christmas in July Gift Exchange is designed to keep us as connected with other Guild Members as we can be when at a distance. If you would like to participate there are just a few easy steps to follow.

1. Send an email to [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com) by June 27th. The email should include your name, mailing address, and a little bit about what you like about quilting (your favorite color, favorite technique, etc.). You can also include a little about what you have been doing or how you have been feeling these last few months.
2. On July 1st, I will send you an email from another Guild Member.
3. You will put together a small gift and send it to the Guild Member whose email you receive. You don't need to go out and buy anything. (This gift could be a piece of fabric from your stash in their favorite color, a pin cushion or Christmas ornament that you've made, etc.)
4. Also include a note about yourself, your quilting experience, and what you have been up to the last few months.
5. Get these packages in the mail by July 11th. (Your postman can bring you boxes or extra postage if needed, just let them know.)
6. When you receive your Christmas in July Gift post about it on the RGVQG Facebook Group page. You could also write the person who sent it a *Thank You* note. Who knows you might just make a new friend.

So, let's have some fun and brighten someone else's day while we do it. I can't wait to start getting those emails!

# Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan



We had 15 string blocks made for the May meeting draw. Four people made some but two didn't want their names in! So Nancy Malmin had a 6 out of 10 chance of winning again and she did!!!!



June's block is a split nine patch, 6" finished size. Half of the block is medium dark, the other half light. Each block needs

3 HSTs 2-1/2" size, half light, half medium/dark

3 light squares 2-1/2" size

3 medium/dark squares 2-1/2" size

Bonnie Hunter's website Quiltville Quips and Snips has a very helpful entry under her free pattern tab. Scroll down to Split Nine Patch and clicking it will take you to Summer 2013 Leader and Ender Challenge. Besides the block basics, she has many setting possibilities treating the block as a HST and using 16 of them in a bigger block.

Warning, they're like potato chips, can't do just one!

Mail to me before the June meeting and we'll draw the winner on Zoom. I'm in the directory.



## Bee News

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By Diana Wolf

The Quilt Show has big plans to highlight Bees and their activities next February. Set up at the IMAGINATION STATION and show that "Creative Spark"! Your Bee will have an opportunity to do a demonstration on Friday and again on Saturday at a designated time. You can make and sell kits to make the demonstrated item. BEST, your Bee will keep all the proceeds from your sales.

It is your choice whether or not to have a demonstration, and whether to have it one day or both. It is also your choice to staff your Bee table all throughout the show, or just occasionally. However, better staffing might mean better sales and money for your Bee.

If you have questions, contact the Quilt Show co-chairs, Paula McCutcheon or me for more information. You can find the email addresses at [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com), then scroll down the menu to "Contacts".

If you haven't yet made a banner for your Bee, please consider making one. They will hang it above your booth at the Show. All the Bees will have a table in one room, and you want your Bee to stand out!

The Guild is up to a total of 14 Bees, and a couple of groups have shown interest in becoming a Bee. It just keeps getting better. Spring Break and retreating has many of our bee keepers buzzing elsewhere. They plan to update us next month.



## 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

[Judging Seminars \(nacqj.com\)](http://nacqj.com)

Thank you!

Beverly Fine

National Association of Certified Quilt Judges'  
Qualified Instructor

## Community Service

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*by Chris Cowan*

Slow reporting month, I'm sure more has been done by all the wonderfully generous guild members! Let me know so we can get credit given where credit is due!

5 items, 50 hours, \$362.50 value

# Treasurer Report

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's April 2022 Report  
Monthly Account Balances as of 4/30/2022

<b>RGVQG Checking</b>		
Beginning Balance		\$21,329.90
<b>Income</b>		
2022 Membership Dues	\$60.00	
Fat Quarter Proceeds	\$361.00	
Guest Fees and Fines	\$15.00	
	\$436.00	\$436.00
<b>Expense</b>		
April Speaker Fees	(\$273.40)	
Trophy Gardens Rental	(\$300.00)	
	(\$573.40)	(\$573.40)
Ending Balance		\$21,192.50
<b>RGVQG Savings</b>		
Beginning Balance		\$33,171.62
Interest Income		\$0.82
Ending Balance		\$33,172.44
<b>RGVQG Quilt Show</b>		
Beginning Balance		\$22,904.34
Income		\$0.00
<b>Expenses</b>		
Excess Cash Deposit Fees	(3.60)	
Vendor Flyer Expense	(\$96.97)	
	(\$100.57)	(\$100.57)
Ending Balance		\$ 22,853.77
RGVQG Retreat		\$3,000.00
<b>RGVQG PAYPAL Account as of 4/30/2022</b>		
2022 Membership Dues	\$30.00	
Paypal transaction fee	(\$1.09)	
Donation – Paypal Giving Fund	3.00	
Donation – UK Online Giving Fund	0.70	
2023 Quilt Show Vendor Deposit	\$50.00	
Paypal transaction fee	(\$1.49)	
	\$81.12	

NOTE: The Guild's 2021 Income Tax Filings were received by the IRS on 4/15/2022.

## RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

### General Meeting May 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Marsha Santow. There were 33 online, establishing a quorum.

Jan Rondeau, Program Chair, introduced Leslie Lorenzo. She demonstrated how to make a petaled pincushion using rows of gathered prairie points glued to a base which surround a pincushion puff. The petals are a convenient place to park clips used for binding and other quilting purposes. She received several compliments in the chat function. It was announced the Quilt Show Committee needs a publicity chair, a creative person, preferably who can make videos.

The Treasurer's report by Mike Hall was approved and filed for audit.

The Secretary's report was approved as printed. Chris Cowan, Newsletter Chair, announced the deadline for submissions is the coming Monday. The retreats are filling up fast for the Friendship Star, Blue Bonnet is full and has a wait list, as shared by Kathe Letulle, Chair. Guild name tags will be made in October. Bonnie Hall will make a form to put on the Guild website for ease in ordering.

The Beekeeper will be happy to visit any group if requested. One Bee is becoming very active and is doing a fundraiser to pay for memberships of their Bee who have not yet joined the Guild. Chris Cowan related the Community Service committee had a single form turned in for five baby quilts, representing 50 hours, or \$362.50 in value. She continued with the Block Draw for the string blocks, which were won for the fourth time by Nancy Malman. The block for next month will be a split nine-patch, and Chris will put a picture of it on the Guild Facebook page and in the newsletter. There will be a link to Bonnie Hunter's website, Quiltville Quips and Snips. Go to the free pattern tab, then scroll down to the Split Nine Patch. It is dated Summer 2013 and has a printer friendly pdf file you can print. It's also part of her Leader and Ender challenge. It may be possible to access it by using this link:

<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2013/07/summer-2013-leader-ender-challenge.html>

There are many ways to arrange the block into various quilt patterns, and she shows several on her blog.

The Military Service Quilt committee announced Evelyn Fincher and Kathy Dunning are the contacts for the summer. If MSQ quilts are needed for presentations, please contact one of them. Donations for fabric or money for batting are being accepted.

Marsha Santow announced Lila Helm is now the Guild's Secretary. She also stated we still have a vacancy for the Guild Publicity chair.



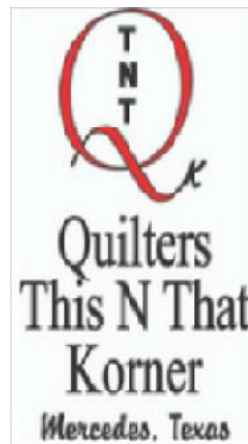
Bonnie Hall discovered how the Guild can receive donations when members use the Microsoft Edge browser on a computer. You can also download an app to use Bing on your smartphone. That plus a Microsoft account is all that is needed to generate donations to benefit the Guild. If you have questions, Bonnie will help persons one-on-one when she returns to the Valley in June. Bonnie has placed an article in the newsletter about how to do this. PayPal can also be used to give donations to the Guild.

Kathy Dunning said there have been three quilts from MSQ given to Laurie Magee for presentations. Dale Schafer expressed much appreciation for the very many hours Kathy devotes to the quilts, piecing, quilting and binding them.

Jan Rondeau announced she is seeking a program presenter for next month. She will welcome any suggestions or volunteers. She explained the Christmas in July event, and your registration is needed by the end of June. Past participants have enjoyed it, not all the items need to be quilt related. Participants names are swapped and you have about 10 days to send your small project or surprise item along. It's a great way to make new friends among the members.

No Show and Tell items were submitted. Door prizes were won by Dale Schafer, Reta Compton, and Angie McGuire. Marsha Santow will mail the recipients their prize. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am. Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Acting Secretary

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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

**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

RGVQG does not discriminate nor endorse any advertisement placed in RGVQG News. RGVQG is not responsible for, nor takes responsibility for defective merchandise or false advertisements.

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

