



# 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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I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I am loving the beauty of Michigan. I love it in summer. I want to thank Dale Shafer for her demo at our meeting. I will have to try it out. For any of you that do not know yet, A Block Away is going out of business. Everything is 40% off and their final day is June 23. If you have credits there you will want to cash them in. There is still time to sign up for Christmas in July. I know you will enjoy participating. I plan on attending the quilt show in Shipshewana, Indiana in a couple of weeks. It is always fun to see what other groups do for their shows. Enjoy your stitching.

Marsha Santow

## 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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## 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.

Cards sent this month to these four; Susan Coleman, husband died, Paula McCutchen, Jan Rondeau's mother passed away on May 15th and Sharon Gulybun, surgery on right breast.

Please send your best wishes if you see them.

Thank you for letting me know about these friends of the Guild.

## Schoolhouse Classes

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by Debbie Williams

Again for the 2022 / 2023 winter season, we will be offering Schoolhouse classes. Instructors for these classes are taught by Guild members. The fee is for Guild members is \$20 for each class. Currently they are planned for the first Friday of each month, November thru March. As details are firmed up, details will be posted on the website. But for now, here is what is planned so far....

November 4, 2022 - 18" x 18" Woven Panel that can be made into either a table topper or decorative pillow.

Instructor: Debbie Williams

No sewing machine needed. Fabric strips are woven together to create the pattern.

December 2, 2022 - Paper pieced table runner

Instructor: Nancy Schmitz

This runner consists of three sections....so add more if you need a longer table runner.

January 6, 2023 - Cork Fabric Wallet

Instructor: Paula McCutchen

More details will come next month.

I am still looking for great ideas to offer in February 2023 and March 2023 Schoolhouse classes. If you have an idea....please email me at [debrichwill@gmail.com](mailto:debrichwill@gmail.com). I'm hoping to offer a wide variety of classes this winter.

## Membership Information

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by Marty Morrison

### Membership Information

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. You can now renew your membership for 2022. The annual dues are \$30.00.

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

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.

Be sure to print the email that is sent to you with your membership number, the password information to access the "Members Only" and Guild Directory information. The email will be your proof of membership.

For the 2022 membership we currently have 254. Since the last newsletter we want to "Welcome" the following **New & Returning Members:**

Sarah Reed

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

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

# Retreat News

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by Kathe Letulle

Here is everything you ever wanted to know about the Guild Retreats

1. The retreats are so much fun and the friendships formed are awesome. 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.
2. The retreats are held at John Newcomb Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas -
3. The fee is \$300 with a \$100 deposit - sleeping arrangements are 4 to a condo. The condo is divided into two bedrooms, each with their own bathroom. There is also a kitchen, living room and washer and dryer
4. The meals begin at dinner on day of arrival, next three days, 3 meals and 2 snacks, and final day breakfast. The meals are to die for as well as the desserts.
5. The large conference room is where we sew and have area quilt shops present their wares for the attendees to purchase. There are also a large number of quilt shops in the area for shopping opportunities.
6. You must: (a) bring a power cord with a surge protector and a flashlight; (b) Arrange your own transportation (c) Bring Emergency Information sheet, envelopes will be provided. A packet containing maps and detailed information will be available at a later date on the Guild's website, [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) Members Only (alligator).

**Friendship Star** - March 13-17, 2023 with 9 openings - no wait list Remaining retreat fee due December 10, 2022. Absolutely no refunds after February 21, 2023.

**Bluebonnet Friends** - March 19-23, 2023 - retreat full - waitlist. Remaining retreat fee due January 11, 2023. Absolutely no refunds after February 28, 2023.

Anyone can sign up immediately for a retreat with openings and immediately sign up to be on the waitlist for the other retreat or go directly to the waitlist of any retreat. In the past, everyone that was on any wait list has had a chance to attend that particular retreat.

The registration forms for retreats are on the Guild website ([rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)) within Members Only under RETREAT.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

So sign up!

Blessings,  
Kathe Letulle  
956-272-2377  
[retreat@rgvqg.com](mailto:retreat@rgvqg.com)

## Nominating Committee

Elections are in November for 3 positions, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and Treasurer.

These Offices are for a two-year term.

**Bonnie Hall and Marty Morrison** (contact info in the directory) are looking for other Guild Members to assist with finding people to help with the process..

A publicity chairperson (not an elected position) is also needed, this can be anyone who wants to **volunteer**. The duties of Publicity will be to promote Guild activities by providing the news media or other outlets with information concerning up-coming events.

Here are the descriptions of the Offices up for Election

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President - Membership** - The First Vice President is responsible for the membership list, is responsible for notifying members of annual dues, accepts monies and writes receipts for new and renewed memberships to be given to the Treasurer along with dues for these memberships and is responsible for notifying the Newsletter Editor and President of all memberships.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President - Community Service** - the Second Vice President shall collect, distribute, keep a record of all donated items, and promote the goals of the Guild by setting up community projects involving quilting; arrange for demonstrations, displays or lectures at schools, libraries, clubs, or museums; and work with community groups or individuals requesting services by the Guild

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer will have charge and custody of and be responsible for all the Guild's funds and securities; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the Guild from any source; deposit all monies in the Guild's name in banks, trust companies, or other depositories as these Bylaws provide or as the Board or President directs; write checks and disburse funds to discharge the Guild obligations (However, funds may not be drawn from the Guild or its accounts without the signature of any one of the following officers: the President, the First Vice President, or the Treasurer); maintain the Guild's financial books and records; prepare financial reports monthly; prepare a budget to be presented at the annual meeting of the members; Please help us find people who want to help make the Guild a success.

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

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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/ontheego](http://smile.amazon.com/ontheego) to learn more.

## Give with Bing

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**



### **Ask Oggie**

If you have a question about the Quilt Show you can send an email to *Ask Oggie* at [quiltshow@rgvqg.com](mailto:quiltshow@rgvqg.com).

This month, Oggie got two questions about the 2023 Quilt Show.

**Susan asked:** Is there a category in the Quilt Show that I can enter fiber arts projects?

**Answer:** Yes, fiber arts quilts can be entered in the Art Quilts category, some may even qualify in the Handwork category. Other fiber arts projects can be entered in the Home Décor category, items in this category are not required to be quilted.

**Mary asked:** I am making a cute ocean theme baby quilt; can I enter a baby or crib quilt in the Quilt Show?

**Answer:** Baby quilts, crib quilts and even throw quilts are entered in the Bed Quilts category, according to their size.

# 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!

**July's program** will be presented by Jean Waufle and topic will be about wool.

## Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

We had 14 split nine patch blocks made for the June meeting draw. Three people made some but one didn't want her name in! So Nancy Malmin had a 4 out of 10 chance of winning again and my grandblessing pulled her ticket. She won again!



July's block will be "Goose Creek" for June 11<sup>th</sup> in the Block a Day calendar, 12' finished size.

In honor of Flag Day and Independence Day, the colors are red, white and blue as shown in poster. They would be great for Military Service Quilts also if you just want to make some to donate!

Dale Shafer's demo would be fun to try to make the nine patches!

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

## Bee News



### The Wanna Bees Buzz

By Anita Pineda

The Wanna Bees have been buzzing around planning summer activities to keep their hands busy. Summer flights scheduled are Bee Swarming in June and will fly out to Fredericksburg in July and the surrounding area. While Swarming and planning, the WBs are still maintaining the Beehive with their own bees teaching lessons of their own choosing and interest.

The Wanna Bees had a successful Bee Swarming (retreat) held June 3-4, 2022, at the Magic Valley Park in Weslaco. Bees attending the Swarm had their own table to set up their wares for quilting. Available for attendees' use were cutting tables with cutting mats, rulers, and ironing stations. The Wanna Bees monthly lesson/presentation was conducted by our very own Bee Angie. She found Ten Sisters Easypiecing Grid interfacing while on her flight visiting family in Missouri.

(The captions didn't copy well, but hopefully you can unscramble them. CC)



Elaine working on a women's  
Kathe working on her Shelter  
Bel working on her UFO.  
Marty working on a Quilt for Wheelchair  
Josie working on a Wheelchair lap quilt.



Diane working on her girl's bathrobe.  
Anita working on UFO.  
Meli working on her special UFO quilt.  
Cindy works on a Tie Wreath.  
Josie finished the Wheelchair lap quilt.



Angie shows her embroidery skills.



Angie's presentation. Tensisters grid.



Queen Bees will leave Wanna Bees throne. at the end of July, 2022

## 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

*by Chris Cowan*

Another 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!

21 items, 240 hours, \$1740 value

## Treasurer Report

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's May 2022 Report  
Monthly Account Balances as of 5/31/2022

<b>RGVQG Checking</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$21,192.50</b>
<b>Income</b>		
2022 Membership Dues	\$60.00	
Newsletter Advertisement	\$25.00	
Donation – AmazonSmile	\$15.41	
Donation – Paypal Giving Fund (April)	\$3.00	
Donation – UK Online Giving Fund	\$0.70	
Donation – Paypal Giving Fund (May)	<u>\$2.00</u>	
	\$106.11	<b>\$106.11</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Paypal Transaction fees	(\$3.17)	<b><u>(\$3.17)</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$21,295.44</b>
<b>RGVQG Savings</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$33,172.44</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>		<b>\$0.85</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$33,173.29</b>
<b>RGVQG Quilt Show</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$22,803.77</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Vendor Registrations	\$650.00	<b>\$650.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Paypal Transaction Fees	(\$15.40)	
SPI Chamber of Commerce Dues	(\$185.00)	
Toucan Graphics – Flyers Bookmarks	<u>(\$408.50)</u>	
	(\$608.90)	<b><u>(\$608.90)</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$ 22,844.87</b>
<b>RGVQG Retreat</b>		<b>\$3,000.00</b>

## RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RGVQG General Meeting

June 11, 2022

By Lila Helms

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am by our president, Marsha Santow. A quorum was present with 42 attendees.

Program Chair, Jan Rondeau introduced our program leader today. Dale Shafer demonstrated



how to make quick and easy nine patch blocks. Dale stated that this way to do nine patch had been around for quite a while. Several of us had not heard about doing them this way so was a very interesting presentation. Bonnie Hall said she would have the chart on our website for our information.

Mike Hall presented the treasurer's report. There were no additions or corrections. Report was placed on file for audit. Mike stated that if anyone needs a more detailed account, call him and he can explain by Zoom.

Secretary's minutes were accepted as printed without corrections or additions.

Chris Cowan states that articles for the newsletter needs to be in on the Monday after our general meeting.

Committee reports:

Nominating committee report by Marty Morrison, we need at least three guild members to assist the two board members. There are three positions to fill. First vice-president-membership, Second vice-president-community service and treasurer are up for election. We also need someone to fill the Publicity position. This is not an elected position but Marty wants everyone to know what is needed.

Community service by Chris Cowan, one report with 21 items with 240 hours with a value of \$1740.

Quilt Show Update by Mike Hall. The contract for the 2022-23 show has been signed and the deposit of \$5,000 has been made to the Convention Center. There are eight vendors signed up so far.

Military Service. No reports.

Block of the Month with Chris Cowan reporting. The block for this month is from the Block A Day Calendar. It is called Goose Creek and is the June 11<sup>th</sup> block. It's a 12 inch block in red, white and blue. This way it can be donated to military

service. Nancy Malmin won the block draw from last month.

Door Prize Drawing winners are Bonnie Hall, Marty Morrison, and Karon Jacobson. Marsha stated she will be mailing them out.

No Show and Tell

An announcement was made about A Block Away Quilt Shop Closing the end of June.

Christmas In July, Jan Rondeau, wants everyone to know that this is a fun opportunity to get to know our fellow guild members. Please let her know if you are interested. You have to be signed up before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mike Hall has asked the board members to stay for a while after the meeting.

Dale Shafer asked Chris Cowan to show the block for the July block draw since there was a glitch when she showed it the first time.

Marsha Santow adjourned the meeting at 9:37am.

Bonnie mentioned that she had a problem with some email addresses when she was sending out the invitation for the June meeting. She has talked to one of the members to let them know.

Special board meeting after general meeting called by Mike Hall.

The contract for our general meetings at Trophy Gardens for the coming year have to be updated and signed. He would like this taken care of before our July meeting. This is very important to get this done so the Programs can be scheduled. We had a quorum present so we could discuss the updates Mike made on the contract. Marty Morrison made a motion to accept changes made to the contract, seconded by Kathe Letulle. Motion passed.

# Fabric Estate Sale

High Quality

Batiks/Quilting Cotton

# June 25th

8am-5pm

# \$5/yd.

111 San Jacinto Rd. Lockhart, TX

## 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

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.

