



RGVQGG News

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President's Threads That Bind

I hope everyone enjoyed the quilt show. I did and made several purchases.

The next event for us is the garage sale to be held at our March meeting. Don't forget it is to be held at the Dome in Mercedes.

I am trying to finish a couple of UFO's that I have started. Keep stitching.

Marsha Santow

NEW MEETING LOCATION !!!

The **2023** meetings will be held in the **Mayor Eugene A Braught Memorial Theatre**, which is adjacent to the **City of Weslaco Public Library**, located at 525 South Kansas Avenue.

The Rummage Sale meeting on **March 11, 2023**, will be conducted in the gymnasium of the **City of Mercedes Dome Recreation Center**, located at 202 N Vermont Ave.

The Weslaco Library is one block east of Texas Blvd & three blocks south of Business 83. The Dome is approximately three blocks north of the Interstate on Vermont in Mercedes.

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Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon

If you know of those 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 sunshine and shadows@rgvqg.com.

Facebook

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 check out the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show page, on Facebook, for ongoing updates on the Quilt Show.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Debbie Williams

Schoolhouse class scheduled for the first Saturday in March due to a scheduling conflict will be on the last Tuesday in February. All classes will take place from 9am to 3pm, at Pharr South Activity Center. Bring a lunch if you prefer to stay in and continue working on your project. There are also restaurants close if you want to take a break during lunch. The class fee for members is \$20 per class. For non-members, the \$30 membership fee will also be charged

Tuesday, **February 28th**, Bonnie Hall will be leading the Schoolhouse class on making a Project Bag. What quilter doesn't need a project bag, or two, or three? These handy bags are perfect for carrying projects to class or retreat. Information for this class will be up on the website for



registration shortly, so be sure to sign up while



there is availability. A supply list will be provided, and you will need to purchase the pattern, which Kathe Letulle will have available at her shop for \$8.00.

If you have any questions, please contact me at either 479-899-3072 or debrichwill@gmail.com. Thank you!

Membership Information

by Debbie Williams

At the time of publication, we have 201 members that have either renewed or have become new members. Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

Dianna King

Lila Pegues

Kim Brandel

Dianne Woodruff

Melinda Place

Becky Leaven's

Coral Cox

The 2023 Membership year has begun - this also means changes - with the new location for the meetings, we can only accept cash (\$30) in a sealed envelope with your name, address, phone, and e-mail address or you can still write a check. Of course, the effortless way is to renew on-line. 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 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. To update the Guild Directory, please provide any personal information that has changed.

Be sure to print the email that will be provided 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.

At each monthly guild meeting, the sign-in sheets will list only the names of individuals that have paid their yearly dues. So if your name is not on the sheets, then you know you will need to renew your membership at the meeting.

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is www.rgvqg.com. Please email Debbie Williams at membership@rgvqg.com if you need assistance.

Aloysius alligator



Look for me on our webpage! Click on me and I'll take you to the Members Only page. Remember what I am. I'm also the keeper of the directories. Please add a two-digit year to open a directory.

Sponsor a Class of 2023 High School Senior - Quilt Gift

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild is sponsoring twin + pillowcase quilt sets for 15 Foster Care high school seniors that will graduate in the Class of 2023. We need our members to help make the quilt sets.

I, Bonnie Hall (AKA the Hat Lady), will be coordinating the collection and delivery of the quilts and pillowcases. Let me know right away if you can make a set, bonniemhall@gmail.com. You can bring the completed set(s) to me at a guild meeting, the quilt show, or my home in Pharr.

If you need help getting the quilt quilted, please contact one of the following:

Bonnie Hall, bonniemhall@gmail.com,
740-398-1629

Carla Mewhinney, cjmewhi@gmail.com,
575-706-1759

Elaine Hall, quiltedcatz@hotmail.com,
806-570-3786

You will need to provide backing and batting at least 8 inches wider and 8 inches longer than the width and length of the top.

2nd Annual Texas Foster Youth High School Graduates of 2023



Volunteers are needed to make **600 quilts, zipper pouches, drawstring totes, and more**. These items will be given to the youth when they graduate from high school.



Sign Up at www.day1bags.org, click on "Do you sew?"

Quilt Instructions:

- Happy Colors, Minimal Floral
- Please keep in mind that the high school seniors select their own quilts and all styles and colors are welcome.

Size Dimensions:

- Quilt Size - 63" W x 87" L (+/-5%)
- Width 60"-66"
- Length 84"-91"
- Allow for shrinkage
- Hand or Machine Quilted with batting

Matching Pillowcase:

- Standard 21" wide x 26" long

Zipper Pouch Instructions:

- Happy Colors and Designs
- **Size Dimensions:**
 - no specific pattern but please make sure they are lined and we request pouches 8"x10" or larger

Drawstring Totes

- Made with 36" Cotton Fabric
- 2 - 55" Bonnie Braided Macrame
- Craft Cord - 6mm (Black, white, tan)
- Finished 33" L x 20" W

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

Want to have fun, sew, great food, plenty of area quilt shops to visit, and friendship - then come along with us to retreat!

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 quite a few quilt shops in the area for shopping opportunity
6. You must: (1) bring a power cord with a surge protector and a flashlight (2) Arrange your own transportation (3) 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 web site, rgvqg.com (members only).

Life Happens and the result is retreat openings.

Friendship Star - March 13-17, 2023, with 2 openings - no wait list Pay the \$300 fee now. Absolutely no refunds after February 21, 2023.

Bluebonnet Friends - March 19-23, 2023, with 1 opening- no wait list. Pay the \$300 fee now. Absolutely no refunds after February 28, 2023.

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

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. So sign up and let the fun begin.

Blessings,
Kathe Letulle
956-272-2377
retreat@rgvqg.com



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

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<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

20 quilts have already been given out in 2023!



Two military sew days happened in January. Snow to Sun on January 18th and Trophy

Gardens on January 20th. Photo of a top completed Friday at Trophy Gardens.

RGV Quilt Show

2023 Chair Laural Powell

Sea Turtle Inc. Executive Director Wendy Knight and Chief Conservation Officer Dr Amy Bonka awarded the first ever Debi Warner Memorial - Chief Fun Officer Ribbon to "Flossy the Velveteen Bovine"!



The special edition newsletter for the quilt show is available on both the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild facebook group (check under files) and our website rgvqq.com (newsletter page).

2024 Chairs Laurie Magee and Jean Waufle



Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Reports received since last meeting, 145 items, 2001 hours, \$14,507.25 value. Way to go!!

Treasurer Report

A "link" to monthly Treasurer's Reports and other treasury documents can now be found on the "members only" page of the Guild's website: rgvqq.com and the reports will no longer be published in the newsletter.

Bee News



Queen City Buzzzzzz

By

Anita Pineda

The Queen City Bees are just beginning to dust off their wings after buzzing around the Friendship Day planning and the Christmas/ New Year holidays. At the January meeting, discussions of planning and re-organizing took place. The local newspaper, The Mercedes Enterprise, was distributed to all bees as the Friendship Day was featured on the front page!

Members are planning events for the rest of the year. The Worker-Bees Crews worked the "Imagination Station" at the Quilt Show and demonstrated the Sunflower Mini Quilt-Simple & Fast. The Worker Bees, naturally, took their breaks by viewing & shopping around the Quilt Show. To our Beehive's surprise, 2 of our Bees placed within their category's entries. Josie McVey's "Seven Snow Men" placed 3rd in the Novice category; and Anita Pineda placed 2nd in the President's Challenge-Treasures of the Sea with her quilt entitled "Sea Hunt". All had a great time at the Quilt Show!



Row Quilters at Alamo Country Club meet on Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm in the View Room at Alamo Country Club and welcome everyone.

Programs

By Jan Rondeau

Our March meeting will be the annual garage sale at the Dome in Mercedes. We will have a total of 25 tables available to rent. Cost per table will be \$5 unless the proceeds go to the guild. We will start reservations with single tables only, with a wait list for those desiring a second table if we have enough. A sign up form will be posted on the website by the January meeting.

April Program will be Suzi Parron presenting via Zoom. Her topic is Barn Quilts. She will share her research that took her across the country looking for the history of barn quilts.

May our program presenter will be Carol Wilhoit. Carol will share her tips on Getting Your Stash Together Via Zoom.

In June we will be joined by Rhonda Pierce from Schmetz Needles via Zoom. Rhonda has been educating sewists on all things needles for many years. She will be sharing tips and secrets to better stitching.

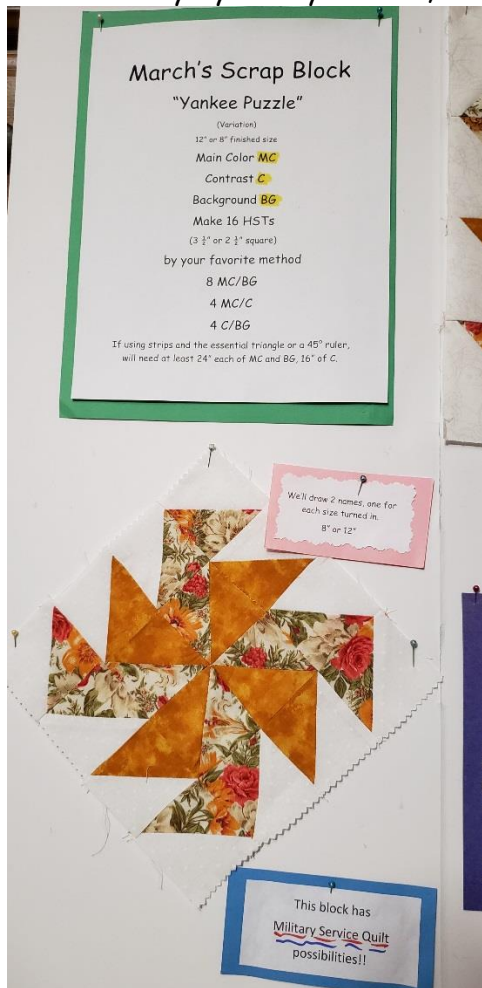


Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

We're back to drawing a winner of the blocks, so join in and have fun!

For February, 16 blocks of **Old Maid's Puzzle**, October 20th in the Block a Day calendar, were submitted by by Nancy Malmin, Pat Skye and me.

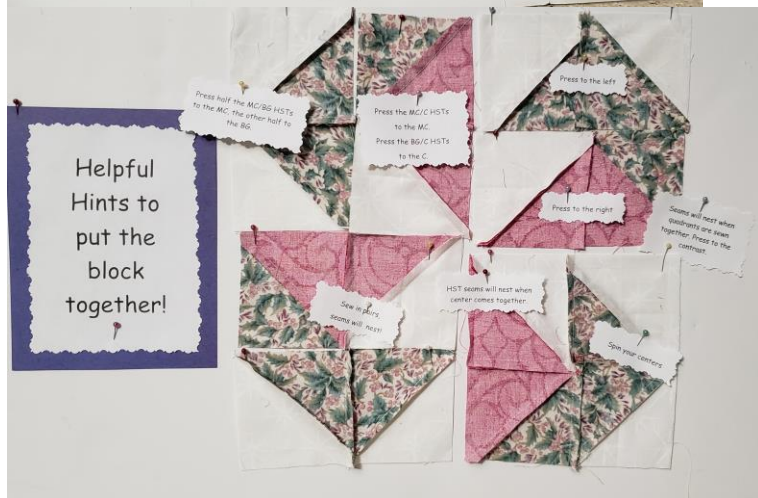


March's block is the "Yankee Puzzle" an open domain pattern. We are going to give you choices, 8" or 12" finished size. We'll draw two names, one for each size.

Each block requires 16 HSTs, either 3-1/2" or 2-1/2" unfinished size. That's 8 of main color and light

background, 4 of main color and contrast, and 4 of contrast and background. Note when your MC/C and C/BG HSTs are assembled to look like flying geese that the MC should be the left wing. If not you'll get a counterclockwise spin like my purple oopsie!!

Call me if you need help! 956-330-6908



RGVQG General Meeting

Minutes

RGVQG General Meeting

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Lila Helm, secretary

President, Marsha Santow called our meeting to order at 9am.

QUILT SHOW:

Marsha called on Laural Powell to share information for the quilt show. She wants us to give ourselves a big hand for the number of entries we have entered. It is over 350 and is more than we have ever had.

There will be a change in voting this year. The voting will be done on Friday and ribbons will be up on Saturday.

We are having a block party. The fabrics will be beach colored. 10 vendors will be participating and there will be a list in the brochure that will be handed out at the door.

Dale Shafer with the Wool Gathers will have an exhibit. She has 3 spinners coming to demonstrate. There will be info on weaving, rug hooking and embroidery.

Laural explained that the Bees will be doing scheduled demos throughout the show. The schedule for these will be in the show brochure. Laurie McGee-Appraisal chairperson-she stresses that if you have won a ribbon it is a good idea to get your quilt appraised for insurance reasons. She also explained some of the ways you can get a final appraisal.

Laural said the Bees will be doing a bag check so we can check our heavier bags so we can continue shopping.

Joy Paugh said she has 100 volunteers this year. She explained what she will have ready for you in the volunteer area.

Laural stated we have 23 vendors this year. Also, we will be giving a ribbon away this year in honor

of Debbie Warner. It will be for the "funnest" quilt this year.

Mike Hall explained the scissors and knife sharpener booth.

Leslie Lorenzo explained what she would like done when a large group is coming in to the show please call her.

Nancy Boyer-boutique-she is busy sorting all the donations for the boutique. She wants us to know that some great items have been donated this year.

Debbie Williams-silent auction-she has been getting some amazing donations. She shared a hand-made quilt that has been donated.

Laural stressed that we must turn in our tickets for the opportunity quilt.

Bonnie Hall-Drop off and pick up-Bonnie brought in samples on how she wants the labels sewn on and then folded to go in the pillow case. She shared some tips and instructions to drop off and pick up.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Marsha Santow announced we have quilt show chairs for the 2024 show. Laurie Magee and Jean Waufler have stepped forward and volunteered...thank you to these two so our quilt shows can continue.

Mike Hall-treasurer-Mike gave a brief explanation of funds. He explained that the report will be online and can be accessed through the members only page on the website. Report was placed on file for audit.

Lila Helm-secretary-report was placed on file as printed.

Chris Cowan-Block of the Month-Old Maids Puzzle received 16 blocks. Next month will be Yankee Puzzle.

Chris Cowan-community service-got in a couple of items.

Debbie Williams-attendance-we have 76 people are here, 10 renewed their membership, 11 attended on Zoom and we have 5 guests.

Jan Rondeau-programs-no program in February, March is our garage sale, April will be Barn quilts on Zoom with Suzi Parron, May will be get your

stash together, June will be Rhonda Pierce from Schmitz Needle Knowledge on Zoom.

Kathe Letulle-retreats-she has an opening in Friendship Star

Lucy Klaas-Military Service Quilts-They have already handed out 22 quilts this year. She has requests for another 15. They need help getting more quilts quilted.

Carrah Maney and Melissa Bradley-fat quarter draw-gave out all the fat quarters.

Jean Waufle did the drawing for the door prize tickets.

Show and Tell-lots of talent in this guild.

Mike Hall made an announcement regarding our summer meetings at the library, they would like us to be out by 11. He does not think that will be a problem.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

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. 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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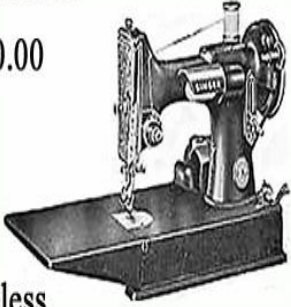
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