



RGVQGG News

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 32, Weslaco, TX 78599 - rgvqg.com

President's Threads That Bind

I hope everyone enjoyed the garage sale and found some bargains. I certainly found a couple of things that made it into my bag.

I don't know if everyone knows that any member of the guild can attend our board meetings. If you have something to present or you just want to attend, you need to send an email to president @ rgvqg.com prior to the meeting. You will then be sent the link to the meeting. The same thing goes for show meetings, but in that case you need to send an email to the quilt show chair.

I am looking forward to going to retreat this coming week. If you have never attended think about doing so in the future. I know some of our members may be heading back up north before next month, so I want to wish you safe travels. 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 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

Cards were sent to Judi Swanda, thinking of you, Evelyn Pincher husband had heart surgery. Patricia Sonnevil's daughter died; Cindy Ells, husband's health; Janey Thompson, death of her husband; Carol Wolfe, health; Beth Braun, heart attack; and Kathe Letulle, husband with heart problems.

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 classes are done for this season. We had good attendance at all of this year's classes, the Woven Panel in November, Paper Pieced Table Runner in December, Cork Wallet in January, Wool Appliqué Needle Case and Project Bag in February. Thank you to everyone that participated; we had lots of fun and learned new skills.

The Guild is looking for a Schoolhouse Chairperson for next year. We will not have classes next year unless we get a Chairperson which would be a real loss to the members of the Guild. It's a fun position, and you can help to shape the classes that are offered next year. Please give me a call if you would like to explore the roles and responsibilities of this Chair position.

Thank you!

Debbie Williams

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or debrichwill@gmail.com.

Membership Information

by Debbie Williams

At the time of publication, we have 223 members that have either renewed their membership or become a new member. Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

Karon Catron

Anne Baumann

Deborah Burgess

Anita Bengtson.

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 also 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. If renewing, 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 sponsored twin + pillowcase quilt sets for 15 Foster Care high school seniors who will graduate in the Class of 2023. We hope those who volunteered have the quilt sets nearly ready.

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



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.



- Quilts
- Zipper Pouches
- Pillowcases
- Drawstring Totes

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

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.

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

The retreats are alive and well. So sorry some of you are missing out on all the fun! See y'all when we get back to the Valley!

BUT there is 2024 and the dates are:

Friendship Star -

March 11 to March 15, 2024

Bluebonnet Friends -

March 17 to March 21, 2024

GET ON THE WAIT LIST NOW!

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

Here is what you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask about 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 its own bathroom. There is also a kitchen, living room, 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 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.
7. A packet containing maps and detailed information will be available at a later date, on the Guild's website. rgvqg.com (members only).



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

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

Military Service Quilts

Article submitted by Florea Flores



On March 7, 2023 the Master Clothing Volunteers, a program affiliated with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service partnered with the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild for a Special Ceremony to recognize the veterans.

Twenty veterans were presented with a handmade quilt made by members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. Check out more photos on the guild's Facebook site.

We would like to thank our guest speaker, Samuel Perez-Director of Veteran Services for Hidalgo County. Thank you The Marine Corps League for presenting the Colors at our ceremony. Thank you American Legion Post 408, Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, The Master Clothing Volunteers, and the Dustin Michael Sekula Library.

RGV Quilt Show

2023 Chair Laural Powell

2023 Quilt Show

Well, the 2023 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show is all wrapped up!

Everyone seemed to have really had a great time. I want to thank everyone who worked on the Show Board, volunteered, entered a quilt, and/or came to the show. It is because of all of you, that we are able to give the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild \$5,000.

The results of the 2023 Opportunity drawing are:

3rd Place Tote - Bonita Edwards

2nd Place Wall Hanging - Dianna South

1st Place Quilt - Sea Turtle Inc.



Sea Turtle Inc. is using the quilt for a raffle that will be drawn on May 22, 2023, and the funds raised will go to their Education Program. If you would like to purchase another

chance at this quilt, you can do it on their website - seaturtleinc.org.

And with that, Oggie is headed off to retire in his "octopus's garden in the shade".

Oh wait!! One last report from Oggie, the final report on the Totes and More 2023. He has a huge Thank You to Co-Chairs Donna and Mary and the awesome volunteers from Winter Haven Border Quilters.



And a huge, huge THANK YOU to those that donated Totes !!

Killer Bees	3 Totes.	Laurie Magee
Terry Davis	2 Totes	Honey Bees
Judy Gillen		Renee Claude Pageau
Deb Warner		Mission Bees
Linda Damon		Donna and Mary
Row Quilters and Sew Bee It		
Tee Box Quilters		

Y'all came up with some real winners that helped make this year a success!

It's never too early to start thinking about Next Year's Quilt Show. The theme is Take Flight. All the info is in this newsletter.

2024 Chairs

Laurie Magee and Jean Waufle



2024 Show Board Needs You!

A number of the 2023 show board have chosen to continue in their positions for another year, but several individuals have had to retire.

Jean Waufle and I are looking for individuals or groups to step forward and chair these two committees:

- Silent Auction

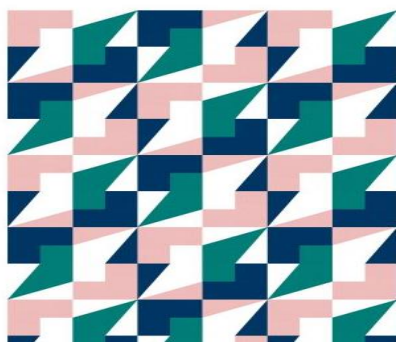
The Show Board already has items that have been committed for the 2024 show and Silent Auction and we have someone who has offered to store the donations so that your vehicle or your spare bedroom will not be crammed with stuff! Debbie Williams is willing to help with this committee but has taken on other responsibilities so she cannot be chair.

- Totes and More

The 2024 Show Board has a committee working on creating themed bags for Totes and More. This means that a Bee or group of friends will not have to create the bag itself but they can focus on finding amazing and tempting items to fill the bags. This should make it easier for the committee chair to recruit volunteers. Mary Camp will be willing to be a resource as well even though she cannot chair the committee this coming year.

2024 RGVQG Quilt Show Chairs Choice

The Chairs Choice will require the use of the kite shape, created either with a template or 4 triangles and/or a kite theme. This shape can be part of the background or neutral space or it can be very graphic as the example above. It can be applied, pieced or a combination of both. This shape can be part of the quilting pattern.



- No kits
- No size limitations.
- If you use a published pattern, the designer must be listed in your registration.
- The quilt must represent the theme "Take Flight" in some manner.
- Use your imagination!

2024 RGVQG Quilt Show Challenge "Take Flight"

Jean and I challenge you to create something beautiful using wool, and addressing the theme, "Take Flight"

- The item is limited to a maximum perimeter of 72", and if the item is a circle, its diameter can be no bigger than 18".
- Must have wool elements, decorative stitching and embellishments but can include other materials.
- The entry can include mug rugs, jewelry, bell pulls, pillows, buttons, pin cushions, pictures, rugs etc. It can also be punch-needle, or any other item made of wool with decorative stitching and/or embellishment.
- A wool kit will be acceptable with the requirement that the maker add personal elements to the kit and indicate the designer and additions on their entry form.
- A list of shops both online and store fronts will be posted on the guild website. The Woolies group is willing to be a resource as well.

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Reports received since last meeting,
70 items, 346 hours, \$2,508.50 value.

Way to go!!

Treasurer Report

Many thanks to the Llano Grande Quilting Bee for their \$200.00 donation to the Guild's Collegiate Scholarship Fund!

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 Bee will gladly take your scraps, strings, etc. to share with new quilters. They are sharing their talents to teach them and any donations are appreciated. Contact Josie McVey for more information.



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.

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild News

Programs

By Jan Rondeau

The garage sale was a huge success, even though we had to move locations on relatively short notice. I understand several people went to the Mercedes location first. We tried to notify everyone in multiple ways; I'm sorry we didn't reach some of you.

Our April program will be Suzi Parron via zoom, with her experiences with barn quilts. She has done a lot of research and I'm looking forward to her presentation.

May will be a lesson by Carol Wilhoit in controlling your stash. This is something I think we can all use as our stash grows. This will be via zoom.

In June we will be joined by Rhonda Pierce from Schmetz Needles. Again this will be via zoom.

I'm requesting assistance from all of our members in filling the programs for our summer meetings. If you use a method that might be of interest to others, have a skill that others might want, etc. please contact me. Also please let me know if there is a topic you would like to have presented. I'm currently working with a number of your recommendations, but I'm open to all suggestions.



Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

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

March's block was the "Yankee Puzzle" an open domain pattern. We gave 2 choices, 8" or 12" finished size. 11- 12" and 12- 8" blocks were turned in by Nancy Malmin and me. Nancy won both sets.

April's block is a fun 2-fer made from a set of charm squares, Windmill and a Star variation.



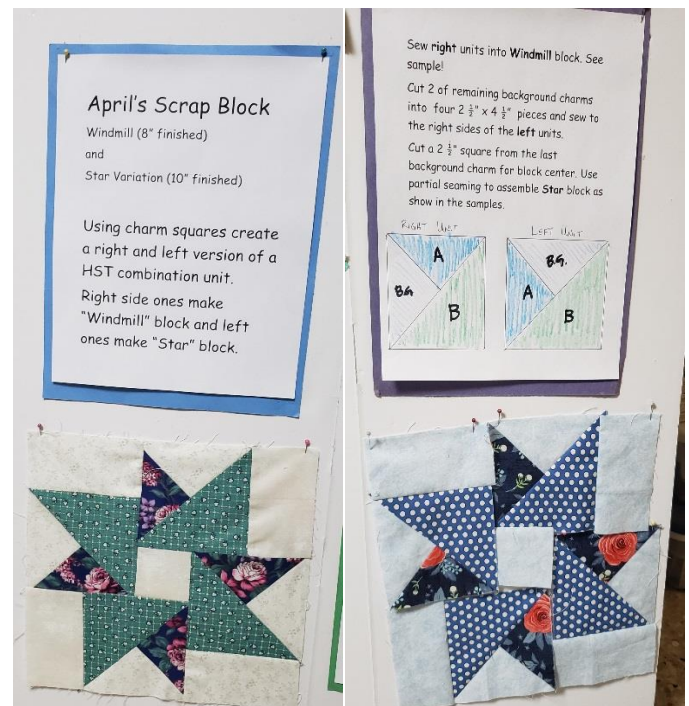
With coordinating 2 medium/dark A, 4 medium/dark B and 5 light background C 5" charm squares, you get one block of each type.

Using 2 A and 2 C squares make 4 HST's by drawing diagonal line on C squares, layer on A squares and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of line. Do not trim after cutting on the diagonal. Draw another diagonal line on the HST's perpendicular to the seam. Layer on the 4 B squares and again sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the line. Cut on the diagonal. If scant seams used, HST combination units should just be 4-1/2". If smaller trim all to 4-1/4".

You will have 4 "right" and 4 "left" units, see diagram on photo. Use the "right" units to make the Pinwheel.

For the Star block, cut 2 of the C squares into 4 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles. (2-3/8" x 4-1/4" if trimmed HST's are 4-1/4"). Cut 2-1/2" (2-3/8") square from remaining C square. Stitch rectangles to right side of the "left" units and then use partial seaming to construct Star block.

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



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RGVQG General Meeting

March 11, 2023

President Marsha Santow called our meeting to order at 9am. Very abbreviated business portion before the annual garage sale. Last minute location change to Casa del Sol in Donna due to scheduling conflict with the Mercadome was handled beautifully. Wrap up on 2023 Quilt Show by Laurall Powell included reporting the Opportunity Quilt was won by Sea Turtle, Inc. A \$5000 check was presented to the guild. Laurie Magee presented the 2024 show theme, "Taking Flight." Chris Cowan presented the April Scrap Block and drew winners for the 2 sizes of the March blocks. Nancy Malmin won both sets. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 and shopping commenced. By Chris Cowan

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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Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild
9/22 & 9/23

FEATHERWEIGHT SPA DAY

Cleaned and Lubricated, \$40.00

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or at a Guild meeting

Call for details.

Well running machine, priceless.



Diana Wolf 913 449 1668

The Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild proudly invites all lovers of art, creativity, and history, to its upcoming Quilt Show, "Weathering the Storms Together". Two hundred judged quilts will be available for your viewing pleasure along with opportunities to purchase raffle tickets for a dynamic queen size storm at sea quilt. The quilt show will also have numerous vendors who offer new and exciting textile products, a boutique with handmade finished items that make great gifts, and silent auction of finished quality quilts. The show is a family fun event, with a hunt and seek activity for youth and opportunities to learn about the history of quilting. Food trucks will be available on site and parking is free.

Dates Friday September 22, 2023, 10am to 5pm

Saturday September 23rd 10am to 4pm

Entry tickets \$12, 8 and under free.

Raffle Quilt is 84"x 84".



Alzafar Shrine Auditorium

901 N Loop 1604 W

San Antonio, Tx 78232



Contact Sandra Doyle, Show Chair at

gsaqqquiltshow@gmail.com



Greater Houston Shop Hop
One Way or Another
March 22 - 25, 2023
9am - 5pm daily
www.houstonshophop.com

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Quilters Emporium - Stafford
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