



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

## President's Threads That Bind

Hope everyone is doing well. I have been busy doing some clean out in my sewing room. I had a lot of blocks and strips cut out from leftovers and I am giving them all away. I will never get around to using them, so this way they will get used. I also went through my closet and cleaned out some clothing to give away. Now I should go through some of my other cupboards and weed them. We used to weed out books at the library occasionally. I should do it more often here.

Military Service is in need of quilters to quilt the quilts they have bundled. The wheelchair quilts are smaller and could be done free motion on your regular machines. You might also consider making a quilt this summer to contribute to them for next year.

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*

A card was sent to Sharon Crosswhite who had injured her arm and broke it.

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](mailto:shadows@rgvqg.com)

I'm sure there are many more people who NEED to hear from us and know that we are praying for them.

## In Memoriam

We were able to create a digital slide show for the 2023 Quilt Show that allowed us to honor the members who are no longer with us. Please notify Bonnie Hall when you are aware of someone who has passed. She keeps a file of names and obituaries, but she is not always aware of a death. It does not matter if the person has returned up-North or hasn't been a member recently, we want to remember them. Each of you are the key to make sure no one is left out .

## Schoolhouse Classes

by Debbie Williams

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 blessed to have a Schoolhouse Chairperson for next year, two in fact! Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin have agreed to co-chair this fun position. They welcome suggestions for the classes that will be offered next year. Please give them a call if you have a great idea or two!

### **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

## Membership Information

by Debbie Williams

At the time of publication, we have 230 members that have either renewed their membership or become a new member.

**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](http://www.rgvqg.com). Please email Debbie Williams at [membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com) if you need assistance.

## 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.

I'd like to thank EVERYONE who provided a quilt and pillowcase for the Foster Care 2023 Graduates project.

We have reached

our goal! The quilt/pillowcase sets will be taken to the Department of Family and Protective Services later this month

Bonnie Hall

## 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.

## Social Media Expansion

by Laural Powell



We have expanded our social media presence!

For some time the Guild has had a **closed Facebook group**, as **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild**. This means you must answer some questions and then be allowed into this group.

The Guild Board has voted to keep this group to members only. This is to provide a space for our members to post and comment where they will know it will only be seen by Guild members.

The Guild Board also understands some may want to share what our guild is doing with their friends. Then others are introduced to our guild through our quilt show and/or community service efforts, and want to know more about our guild. So, we created a **Facebook page** at **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Texas**. This page can be viewed and followed by anyone interested in our guild.

Additionally, we have reactivated the Guild's **Instagram account**, which anyone can follow at **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** or **@rgvqgtx**.

So, now anyone can follow the Guild on our Facebook page and Instagram account, while Guild members can have privacy by joining the Guild's closed Facebook group. If you need help accessing any of these, contact me at [joinfb@rgvqg.com](mailto:joinfb@rgvqg.com).

# Retreat News

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by Kathe Letulle

The 2023 retreats are history,  
BUT there is 2024 and the dates are:

Friendship Star -

March 11 to March 15, 2024

Bluebonnet Friends -

March 17 to March 21, 2024

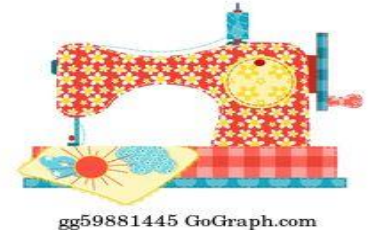
## GET ON THE WAIT LIST NOW!

The registration forms for retreats are on the Guild website ([rgvqg.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:retreat@rgvqg.com)

## Military Service Quilts

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Many quilts have been given out this spring. There is a need to replenish the finished quilt supply. Lucy Klaas is looking for volunteers to quilt and bind tops that are already bundled. Kathy Dunning will be the contact through the summer.

## RGV Quilt Show

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2024 Chairs: Laurie Magee & Jean Waufle



## 2024 Quilt Show Mascot

Sammi the Spoonbill (Roseate Spoonbill) is the new mascot for the 2024 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show. So keep an eye out for Sammi, as she will be making the rounds promoting the quilt show and the 2024 theme -



"Take Flight". If you visit South Padre Island you might even get to see some of Sammi's cousins!

## 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 happy to announce chairs for these two committees:

- Silent Auction: Debbie Genette

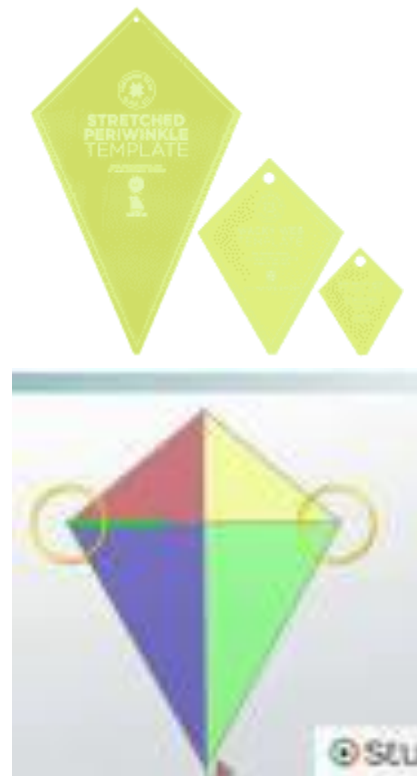
The Show Board already has items that have been committed for the 2024 show and Silent Auction and we have someone who has offered to store the donations so that your vehicle or your spare bedroom will not be crammed with stuff! Debbie Williams is willing to help with this committee but has taken on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

- Totes and More: Rikki Upton

Bags for "Totes and More" have been made for the RGV Quilt Show, (February 9-10, 2024) by volunteers. These bags need to be filled by a Bee, guild members or generous friends...

Bags can be selected at regular Guild meetings or if you can't be present, contact the Show Chair to have them delivered. Please pick a theme for your bag's selections and put new items in the bag. These bags and their contents should be returned to us at any scheduled guild meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

## 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 to the right. It can be appliqued, 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 with at least one wool element, 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 a wool element, 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 follows. The Woolies group is willing to be a resource as well.

A list of shops that carry wool, patterns, thread, and other resources.

### 1. THE WOOLEN NEEDLE

225 W Welsh St  
Williamsburg, IA  
(319)668-2642

### 2. RUSTY CROW QUILT SHOP

111 W Seachase Dr  
Nags Head NC 27959  
(760)752-7784  
[Shawn@rustycrow.com](mailto:Shawn@rustycrow.com)

3. PRIMITIVE QUILT CELLAR  
[email@primitivequiltcellar.com](mailto:email@primitivequiltcellar.com)

### 4. PRAIRIE POINT JUNCTION

124 E 8th, Box 184  
Colada's, NE 69130  
(308)7842010  
[info@prairiepointjunction.com](mailto:info@prairiepointjunction.com)

### 5. PRAIRIE WOOLENS QUILT SHOP

203 S Wood St  
Paulina IA  
(712)229-0341

### 6. PRIMITIVE GATHERINGS

8567 S Loop Rd  
Larsen WI 54947  
(920)722-7233

### 7. LITTLE RED HEN

612 Hope Ave  
Muscatine IA  
(563)262-5709

### 8. MERRY'S STITCHIN'

1923 Baker Rd  
Jesus IA 50648  
(319)827-6703  
[Merrys@jtt.net](mailto:Merrys@jtt.net)

### 9. RIVER'S EDGE QUILT LOFT & ANTIQUES

10103 St Rd 27  
Hayward WI  
(715)634-0706

[riveted@cheqnet](mailto:riveted@cheqnet)  
or [gailgrassel@shopriversedge.com](mailto:gailgrassel@shopriversedge.com)

### 10. BUTTERMILK BASIN

8301 Sunset Rd NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55434  
[swest@buttermilkbasin.com](mailto:swest@buttermilkbasin.com)

11. CARRIED AWAY DESIGNS

4948 Common Market Pl  
De Lin OH 43016

12. MOUNTAIN CREEK QUILT SHOP

3531 US Hwy 411S  
Maryville TN 37801  
(865)856-0805  
[mtcreekquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:mtcreekquilters@yahoo.com)

13. RED PINE QUILT SHOP

915 Washington Ave  
Detroit Lakes MN 56501  
(218)844-5260

14. MIDWAY WOOL CO.

Online only  
(435)654-2844

15. THE QUILTED COW

18593 Business 13  
Branson West MO.65737  
(417)272-0000

16. YELLOW CREEK QUILT DESIGNS

160 S Main St  
Pearl City IL 61062  
(815)443-2211 or (815)238-5597

17. PLAID SHEEP COMPANY

Online only  
(330)893-3163

**Free Woolie**

Edna Butler donated a tub of wool to the guild for anyone to use for the Challenge Quilt. This was wool that belonged to Deb Warner. I believe she would be pleased to have it used for this purpose. There was a table at the guild meeting enabling members to choose a few pieces for their quilts. I will continue bringing the tub to the guild meetings for anyone needing small pieces. Donations are appreciated.

## Community Service

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*by Chris Cowan*

Reports received since last meeting,  
457 items, 3,254 hours, \$23,591.50 value.

Way to go!!

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## 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: [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) and the reports will no longer be published in the newsletter.



## Bee News

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Queen City Bee Buzzzzzz

By

Anita Pineda

The Queen City Bees have been buzzing around these last two months with ideas, projects, and presentations. At the March meeting, the Queen City Bees met to discuss the upcoming plans for the summer activities. Chair-Bee Josie McVey is in the planning stages of the QCB Swarming (retreat) and will announce the swarming dates and place soon! The rest of the business agenda was deferred to form a Bee Circle to assist our Bee, Angie, in making a military quilt for her father who is a Korean veteran. Outside of the QCB's hive, Queen Bee Anita and Vice-Bee Josie took flight to the Mercedes Llano Grande Bee to make a presentation of QCB's activities since its



establishment. After the Llano Grande Bee presentation, both Josie and I were surprised with donations of bundles of fabric, books,

magazines and sewing machines, which we, the QCBs were delighted to accept so that we can "pass forward" the dying art of quilting to the community. After the April Guild meeting, Vice-Bee Josie was sought out by members and was given bundles of fabric and books. Vice-Bee Josie has already been utilizing the fabric and machines by teaching quilting skills to a new group of ladies in Mercedes with the help of the Mercedes ISD Community Services. The Queen City Bees would like to express "our gratitude to the Llano Grande Bee members, the Guild and members for their kindness and donations in assisting us, the Queen City Bees, to keep the art of quilting alive with the younger generation by "passing it forward!" It is, also, the QCBs hope that we can convince some of these newcomers to display their quilts at the quilt show to complete the circle. Be on the alert for the buzz of our upcoming Summer QCBs Swarming (retreat).



**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.

## Scrap Block Draw

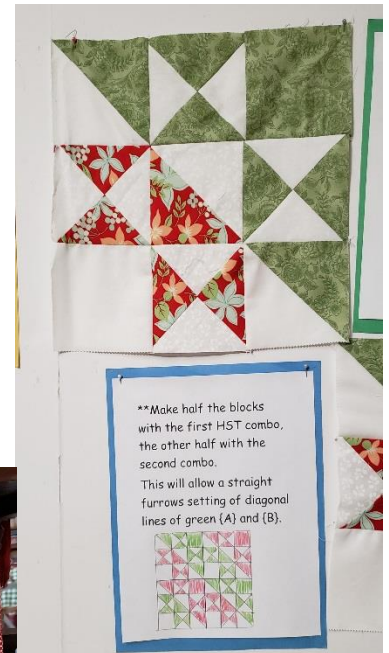
by Chris Cowan

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



April's block was a fun 2-fer made from a set of charm squares, Windmill and a Star variation. Six sets were made and I won by default.

May's block is a split Ohio Star variation. One half is greens and the other pretty summery colors. For a straight furrow setting make an alternate block with color placement switched. See my diagram.



Or can do it in Red and Blue for Military Service Quilts.



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



## Programs

By Jan Rondeau

Our April program was to be Suzi Parron via zoom, with her experiences with barn quilts. She has done a lot of research and we were looking forward to her presentation. Due to technical difficulties, we'll try again in July.

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.

I'm also looking for help, especially with special events like the garage sale and Friendship Day. There's a lot of details for one person alone to co-ordinate.

## RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

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### RGVQG General Meeting

APRIL 8, 2023

President, Marsha Santow called our meeting to order at 9:00am.

Show and Tell was done next while we waited for our Zoom to connect with our meeting.

Carrah Maney read a letter that her daughter had sent the guild to thank us for the walkie talkies that were donated to her to use for field trips with her students.

Karon Jacobson told us a little about Project Linus. They accept quilt donations, fabric, and batting. Please call Karon and she will pick up donations.

Laural Powell gave us an update on the new Facebook page she has created for non-members.

Suzi Perron started her presentation on Barn Quilts but because of technical problems, she will be back in July to try again.

The secretary's report will be filed as printed.

The treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

Newsletter - Chris Cowan - She needs the articles on Monday as she is leaving town at the end of the week.

Programs - Jan Rondeau - She gave us an update on what is on the calendar for the upcoming months. She is still looking for help in finding speakers. Friendship Day needs a chairperson soon.

Membership - Debbie Williams - We currently have 230 paid members and we had 66 members present. She also announced the new chairs for Schoolhouse, Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin.

2024 Quilt Show - Laurie McGee - Gave us some great information on what they have accomplished so far. She still needs chairpersons for Totes and More and the Silent Auction. The totes will be supplied for the Totes and More, we just have to find items to fill them.

BOM - Chris Cowan - She showed us a sample of the block for May called Split Ohio Star.

Community Service - Chris Cowan - She said that 190 items had been done with a total of 1385 hours with a value of \$10,041.25.

Military Service - Lucy Klaas - They have given out 38 quilts already this year. She has quilt tops that need to be bundled and quilted. She has requests for about 50 quilts by Veteran's Day.

Door Prizes - Jean Waufle - Jean did the drawings for 6 door prizes this month.

Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah Maney - Fat quarter winners were announced.

Masha asked for questions and announcements from the floor. Laurie McGee told us about the mascot they have chosen for the 2024 quilt show.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39am.

Secretary, Lila Helm

## 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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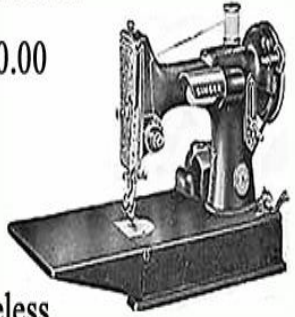
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 SATURDAYS 9AM-2PM



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## FEATHERWEIGHT SPA DAY

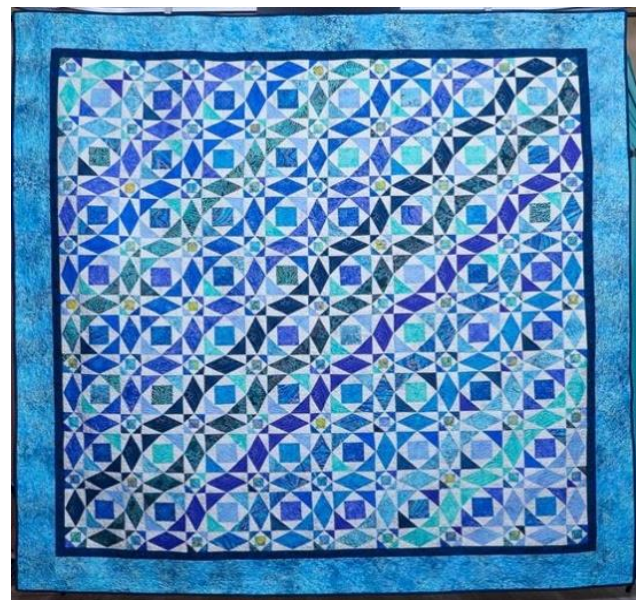
Cleaned and Lubricated, \$40.00  
 Dropped off at my house  
 or at a Guild meeting  
 Call for details.  
 Well running machine, priceless.



Diana Wolf 913 449 1668

## It's A Quilt Show!!! Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild 9/22 & 9/23

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:gsaqqquiltshow@gmail.com)

### Sizzlin Summer Retreat and Shop Hop

When: August 23 for 3 nights, check out on Aug 26

Where: Texas Quilt Barn Retreat Center in La Grange, TX

Cost \$150

Texas Quilt Barn fabric store next door and Quilt Museum in town

Facility: sleeps 3 to a room on twin beds, full kitchen, showers and sewing center

Bring your own pillow and blanket. Includes bath towels, sheets

Shop Hop: [sizzlinsummershophop.com](http://sizzlinsummershophop.com)

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Name

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