



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

President's Threads That Bind

I hope you are all enjoying summer. For Texas, I know it has been extremely hot. We have finally gotten some much needed rain in Michigan. Unfortunately for campers it was over the 4th of July weekend.

Kathe gave us some good tips Saturday. I know I have trouble getting motivated during the summer in the camper because I don't have a sewing room with everything at my fingertips. I have to put everything away whenever I am done sewing. I also find I have trouble deciding what to work on next when I finish a quilt I really enjoyed making. I have too many quilts I want to try to make. Maybe a to do list might be good. Keep stitching!

Marsha Santow

Members Poll



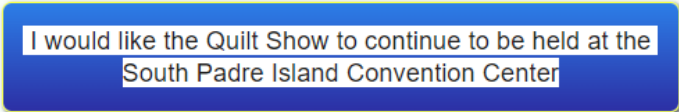
A poll is being sent to each member of the Guild regarding the location of the Quilt Show. This is a result of a Board discussion which decided the members should have a say in where the Quilt Show should be held. You will receive an email with an attached Jotform.

The next Quilt Show will be on South Padre Island at the Convention Center in February 2024.

The question is: I would like the Quilt Show to continue to be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center.

The choices are (a) yes, (b) no.

If the Show is moved, there is no year specified. Please do take the minute to respond to the poll. The Guild needs direction from its members. This is our largest source of funding for our activities. There is no commitment to a particular location. It is your Guild. We need to know your wishes.



Please click the above button to vote. You can only vote once.

The results of the poll will be provided before the end of the year. Thank you

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Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon

In June, cards were sent to **Lila Helm**, nephew's death in a motorcycle accident, **Diana South**, husband, Bobby, died of cancer in bones and liver, **Mike Hall** who had Thyroid surgery, and **Carra Maney** who had thumb surgery. Missing you cards were sent to **Subie and Rick Redd**.

In May, I sent Sympathy cards to **Pam Manley** for the death of her nephew, and to **Cindy Ellis**, for the death of her husband. A Get-Well Card was sent to **Sharon Crosswhite** for her broken arm. A Thinking of You card was sent to **Doris Anderson**. Her husband is in the hospital having surgery for the second time.

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

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 Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

RGVQG Schoolhouse Classes
2023 - 2024

All classes will be held on the Tuesday before the Guild meeting.

Our goal is to have completed class projects - no UFO's.

You'll be able to bring your projects for Show & Tell!

November 7, 2023

One for you, one for a gift? Or two for you!
Holiday Tablerunners x 2
Nancy Malmin & Dale Shafer

December 5, 2023

New version of an old favorite - perfect for Christmas gifts!
Modern Woven Basket & Coasters - Mary Camp

January 9, 2024

A new style of wallet class by a very popular teacher!
Fabric-covered Wallet - Paula McCutchan

February 6, 2024

Cosmetics? Toiletries? Sewing notions? You choose!
Multi-use Quilted Bags - Becky Forschler

March 5, 2024

Could you actually learn to like binding?
Basic Bindings & Beyond
Bonnie Hall & Kris Driscoll

All classes will be held at Pharr South, 1402 Cage, Pharr, TX

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch/drink or go to nearby restaurants
Class Price: \$20.

Some classes will require pre-cutting and some will require special supplies at a small additional price.

Supply Lists will be available online by the September Guild meeting.
Sign-ups and payments are made via the Guild website.

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 233 members. Please welcome Judith (Judy) Williams, a new member, and Florence (Flo) Hoog, a returning 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 paid up members. So if your name is not on the sheets, then 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.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee wants **YOU**
We need a few of you to take positions on the Board. Three positions are open, President,

Community Service (2nd Vice President) and Secretary. Hopefully, some of the current officers will want to continue. If you are interested in a position, but have questions, please call one or several of the people on the committee, Diana Wolf, Chris Cowan, Marty Morrison, Kathe Letulle or Debbie Wiliams.

Alternatively, you can shadow the person in that role and learn what the position is about, then make up your mind for this year or in the future. It's good practice to have more than one person be familiar with a position in any event.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please call us.

The slate of officers is to be presented to the membership 60 days prior to our November General Meeting.

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)

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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.

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

The 2023 retreats are history, BUT there is 2024 and the dates are:
Friendship Star - March 11 to 15, 2024
Bluebonnet Friends -March 17 to 21, 2024

Both Retreats are full but members are still signing up on the Wait List! As of this date, anyone who has ever placed their name on a Wait List has had the opportunity to attend retreat and as it is well known, life happens.

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).



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

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

956-272-2377 or retreat@rgvqg.com

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Reports received since last meeting,
21 items, 122 hours, \$884.50 value

Military Service Quilts

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

2024 Chairs: Laurie Magee & Jean Waufle

Sammi the Spoonbill (Roseate Spoonbill) is the **2024 Quilt Show Mascot** for the 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 RGV Quilt Show Update

Those of us who are in the RGV for the summer are experiencing a very toasty beginning to the summer. This is a perfect excuse to stay in one's sewing room or studio and quilt! I am working on a periwinkle pattern (kite-shapes) quilt using Missouri Star's Wacky web template in batiks. I might even quilt it with a kite shape to fit in the Chair's Choice category. I am also hunting online for a small kit in wools for the Challenge category. There is lots of time before the registration deadline in January, but let's get started!

Edna Butler has hit the ground running as chair of the opportunity quilt committee. She apparently is an amazing salesperson as well. If you have not had a chance to see the opportunity quilt, there is an excellent picture of it on the guild webpage and there may even be one in this newsletter! Edna would also appreciate a heads-up about opportunities to exhibit the quilt and sell tickets to the public, preferably in air-conditioned surroundings this summer.

We will have Imagination Stations at the 2024 show as Barbara Hall has stepped forward as chair of that committee. If you are part of a Bee, it is not too early to begin planning for your projects at the show.



The SPI Convention Center contract has been signed and the 2024 deposit has been paid. The Convention Center will provide golf carts between the parking lot and the building on both days with no cost to the guild.

The bags for Totes and More are available at guild meetings, or you can contact Rikki Upton, "Totes and More" chair and request to have one sent to you. We have distributed 9 bags as of the June meeting and I have a special order for one in roseate spoonbill colors. I can also provide a pattern if you prefer to make your own.

The Show Board did not have a meeting in July since we all were celebrating Independence Day instead! We are working on some really fun things behind the scenes.

If you are not in the RGV at this point you have missed the early opportunity to choose a bag to fill for Totes and More. Linda Damon will get hers in roseate spoonbill colors. The two newest! Hot Air Balloon bag and Patriotic Bag.

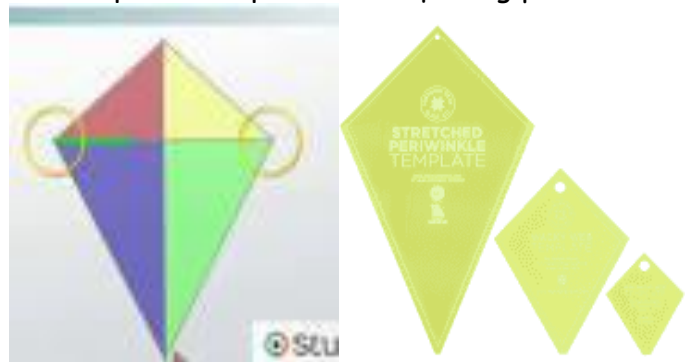


You can choose a theme for your bag if you wish! Email me at quiltshow@RGVQG.com and I will see what I can do!

Jean Waufle and I are very appreciative of the support and encouragement that we have received as we work toward a successful 2024 show.

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 Laurie 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 that carry wool, patterns, thread, and other resources. The Woolies group is willing to be a resource as well.

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

3. PRIMITIVE QUILT CELLAR
email@primitivequiltcellar.com

4. PRAIRIE POINT JUNCTION
124 E 8th, Box 184
Colada's, NE 69130
(308)7842010
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'
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(319)827-6703
Merrys@jtt.net

9. RIVER'S EDGE QUILT LOFT & ANTIQUES
10103 St Rd 27
Hayward WI
(715)634-0706
riveted@cheqnet
or gailgrassel@shopriversedge.com

10. BUTTERMILK BASIN
8301 Sunset Rd NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55434
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
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.



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 and the reports will no longer be published in the newsletter.

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

Due to lack of participation the last 2 months I am going to suspend the program for a while. I'll be glad to restart it in the fall if interest is expressed.

If inclined this summer do some of the spring blocks in Red, White and Blue for Military Service Quilts.

Call me if interested and need more info.

956-330-6908



Bee News

Slow summer, no reports at this time.



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 September.

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.

I got the attached photo from Mary Mayfield showing this year's scholarship recipients. Since we were directly involved in funding one of the scholarships I thought it might be nice to put this in the newsletter for our members.

***Editor's note: full page photo shrunk to half page size, little out of proportion, sorry!

2023 Tanzanian Women's Scholarship Recipients

Courtesy of St Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church's Mission Project- Tanzanian Treasures, Fabric and More



Elizabeth, Janeth, Enfrida, and Gladness from Tella Parish attend the Angaza Women's Training Center, Tanzania, Africa

Juliana Msaki from Tella Lutheran Parish Attends Montessori Kindergarten teacher Training in Moshi, Tanzania.

Grasianna and Prisca (with Mary Mayfield) are attending the Machame Hospital School of Nursing on Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, East Africa.

Quilters' Open House
2807 Mesa Verde Drive (Siesta Retirement Village), Westlaco TX 78596
Aug 19th from 12:00am to 5:00pm

Join us in saying "good-bye" to Michelle Dextras as she joins her children in Colorado. Refreshments and drinks will be served.

For Sale

<p>Sewing Machine</p> <p>Cutting Table</p>  <p>Brothers I nno-vis QC1000 Sewing machine. \$500 OB O</p>	<p>Abundance of fabrics</p>  <p>Martelli Powered, Adjustable Cutting Table (28" x 55"). \$1000 OB O</p>
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When life gives you scraps, make a quilt!

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RGVQG General Meeting

Minutes

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING

July 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9am by Marsha Santow, President.

Marsha introduced our Programs chair, Jan Rondeau. Jan introduced Kathe Letulle for her presentation, Battling Quilt Burnout. She talked about motivation, taking breaks and places to get inspiration. Her presentation had a lot of great information. After the presentation, Marsha asked for questions from the floor. There were none.

Treasurer's report was placed on file for audit.

Secretary's report was filed as printed.

Quilt Show - Laurie Magee - they did not have a meeting in July. The contracts are signed. Suzanne Brennan wants to hold a guild scrappy get together to make items for the Boutique. She will be getting a list together of items that have sold well in the past. She is planning to do this on July 18, 2023, at 9am. Potluck lunch.

Membership - Debbie Williams - We had 39 members in attendance, 2 new members, 3 new guests, and 19 people on Zoom.

Door Prizes - Jean Waufle - 5 were given out.

Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah Maney and Melissa Bradley.

Web Master - Bonnie Hall - she explained how to get to Kathe Letulle's presentation on our website.

Bee Keeper's - Marsha Santow had message from Diana Wolf states that new Bee's have to get in touch with her to be included with our guild.

Nominating Committee - Marsha Santow had a message from Diana Wolf to announce vacancies in our upcoming election.

Programs - Jan Rondeau - August speaker will be Allison Rainboth. She is our quilt appraiser for our quilt show. September speaker will be Suzi Parron. She will be talking about barn quilts. Jan is planning to go to Cedar Rapids, IA for their quilt show. She asked if anyone wants to travel with her.

Quilt Show Move Survey - Bonnie Hall - She will be sending out another reminder for everyone to vote online if you want the quilt show to move from the island.

Show & Tell - Lots of talent in this guild!!!!

Meeting adjourned

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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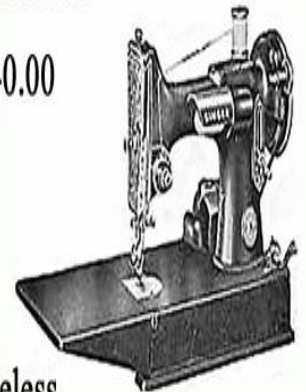
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Dropped off at my house
or at a Guild meeting

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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 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

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

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Fill out form below and mail check to
Jani Shoemaker
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Name

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Preferred roommates names