



RGVQGG News

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President's Threads That Bind

Well, I have only about 3 weeks left in Michigan, and I will be headed back to the heat of Texas. I have thoroughly enjoyed my summer here and I have even gotten some quilts sewn. I found our program very interesting on Saturday. Allison will be at our show in February to do appraisals. I had an appraisal done last year and it is very informative as well as giving you the value of your quilt. You might want to consider having an appraisal done. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of your summer and keep on stitching.

Marsha Santow

Members Poll

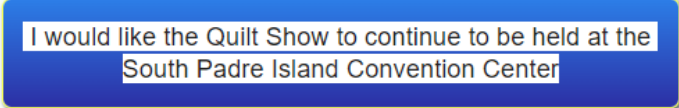


A poll is being sent to each member of the Guild regarding the location of the Quilt Show. This is a result of a Board discussion which decided the members should have a say in where the Quilt Show should be held. You will receive an email with an attached Jotform. The next Quilt Show will be on South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

Several class samples were shown at the last meeting, and they'll be on display before each meeting, and at breaks, until the end of the Schoolhouse season. Not all supply lists are ready, but they'll be up before the end of the month, and sign up will be ready by then, also. Sure
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appreciated all the interest in our projects in August!

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

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

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 240 members. Please welcome Nina Jones, a new member who attended the August meeting.

How do you know if you are a current 2023 Guild member?

* If you receive the monthly newsletter, you are a current member.

* If you receive the email notifications for the monthly meeting, you are a current member.

* If your name is on the Sign In sheet at the monthly meeting, you are a current member.

All email communication from the Guild will include your Memid #. That number will be 6 digits...230xxx. Your membership is paid thru December 30th, 2023. During the November Guild meeting I will begin taking dues for 2024.

If you do need to renew your 2023 dues, you may do so at the monthly meetings via check. If you need to pay in cash, it needs to be in a sealed envelope. The easiest way is actually online through the RGVQG.com web page. Annual dues are \$30.

Whenever you pay your dues, you will receive a Membership Email that you should print out. It will include your membership number. We no longer provide membership cards, so this email is your proof of payment. Badges are available for

purchase at the meetings from Kathe LaTulle. She will be sitting at the Retreat table and can take your order.

As a member, you will have access to Members Only information on the RGVQG.com web page. The information for accessing these sections is provided in your Membership Email.

Please email Debbie Williams at membership@rgvqg.com if you need assistance.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee needs your help. We need candidates for our Program Chair. Or, one.

The programs are planned through next May, May of 2024. Jan Rondeau, current Chair, will support a new chair. This is extremely generous of her.

What does that Chair do, you ask? They find speakers for most of our monthly meetings. Guild members have suggestions for you. You can find other speakers. Several Guild members have asked for speakers on specific topics, such as what a judge considers when evaluating a quilt. That was our program today and many members learned several things to consider doing as they make their quilts. Even if you don't want a quilt evaluated or judged, most of us want to present well-made quilts to others.

Some of our best programs have come from member suggestions from several years ago. The Program chair is responsible for finding and arranging contracts with speakers. Many of our speakers do their presentations over Zoom as that cuts Guild expenses. She also persuades members to do our summer programs. We have sample contracts you can use.

Also, if we fly in a speaker, they need transportation to and from the airport, but that can be delegated to a responsible member. Members used to fight to provide transportation as it is a way to get to know a speaker and ask additional questions. The speaker is to be taken to dinner, and the Chair is reimbursed for both her and their own meals. They can invite their friends to attend, Dutch style, which is another opportunity to get to know more about the speaker. You have a budget for speakers. We typically have paid speakers for about 5 programs a year, and have Guild members present about 5 months for a stipend of \$50.00. We all know good quilters in the Guild and many will present if asked. There is no program needed for Friendship Day or the Garage Sale. Sometimes there is no program for the month immediately prior to the Quilt Show. If you have any questions, if you would like to explore more about this position, please contact me, Marty Morrison, Kathe Letulle, Debbie Williams.

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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!

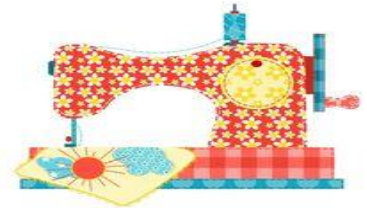
The registration forms for retreats are on the Guild website (rgvqg.com) within Members Only under RETREAT.

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).



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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. Nothing reported since then.

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

August Update

I spent this afternoon driving to Brownsville to retrieve my Rogue from Charlie Clark Nissan. My rental car said that the temperature was 102 degrees at 4 pm today. In other words, it continues to be VERY toasty here in the RGV! The quilt top is an example of the kite shaped template for the Chair's Choice category. There are many more pattern possibilities out there to be found.

The bag is the 3rd prize for the opportunity quilt drawing. This is special for me as the bag was quilted by guild member, Sandra Pearl, and it was one of the last projects that she finished before she passed this past Saturday. Our guild has lost a talented quilter.

We need each of you to consider:

1. What are you going to create to enter the quilt show?
2. Who can you work with to plan and schedule a Sew Day for Boutique items?
3. Have you asked for one of the bags for Totes and More?

REMEMBER!

The Show Board has storage in Laguna Vista for the items that are destined for Totes and More, as well as the Boutique. Contact Laurie Magee or

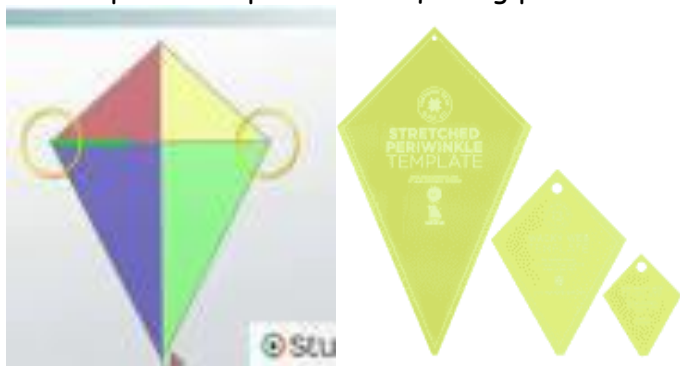


Jean Waufle and we will get these items into storage.

Remember to let Boutique chairs, Suzanne Brennan or Kathy Snyder, know what you have made! 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

(815)443-2211 or (815)238-5597

8. MERRY'S STITCHIN'
1923 Baker Rd
Jesus IA 50648
(319)827-6703
Merrys@jtt.net

9. RIVER'S EDGE QUILT LOFT & ANTIQUES
10103 St Rd 27
Hayward WI
(715)634-0706
rivated@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 4115
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

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 few 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

Queen City Bees Buzzzzzz

By Anita Pineda

Summer has come and gone, and the Queen City Bees have been swarming around the Haswell Hall the whole month of June! Many of the Bees have been working on their own personal project, but they all worked together to complete the Military Quilt for a Korean War veteran for one of our



Bee's father. These worker bees cut, sewed, quilted, and

basted the quilt in about four weeks. Once this project was completed, some of the bees flew to Mr. Hernandez's current residence, a nursing home in Mission to present the quilt there at the families' request. Military quilt presentation was held July 5, 2023. Mr. Hernandez was a POW during the Korean War, and his story is featured in two different documentary books. It was our honor to assist in making the quilt for him as he is one of our community Heroes. This is just a small token of appreciation for his loyalty, dedication, and service to our country, the United States of America.

Our Bee has grown, gaining 7 members and one Baby Bee since January. We welcome these new members with open wings! We continue to plan the annual fieldtrip. The destination is San Antonio's quilt show to be held September 2023. Due to Bees request, we have added another meeting to our schedule by having a Sew Day the first Sunday of the Month, allowing the Bees to work on their own projects. Many of our Bees are beginners and have been working on the 16 Mile quilt and experimenting with different straight-line blocks, therefore; Bees are wanting to challenge themselves by working on a row quilt. The Bees

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have also been getting lessons from experienced Guild members such as maintaining their sewing machines, especially if they own a Featherweight. Other experienced quilters have come over to teach the Bees "how to" paper piece using scrap material donated by Guild Members. We want to "Thank all Guild Members who have donated to our Bee!! The Bees are already planning for Christmas by making and exchanging 20 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch block of their own choice and making with the inclusion of their name on each block.

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 coordinate.



RGVQG General Meeting

Minutes

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD
GENERAL MEETING**
August 12, 2023

Marsha Santow, president, called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

Jan Rondeau, program chair person, introduced Allison Rainboth as our speaker. She is a certified NACQJ judge. We all really enjoyed her presentation and learned a lot. She will be at our Quilt Show in 2024.

Committee Reports:

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

The Secretary's report will be filed as printed. Quilt Show - Laurie Magee is working hard at getting things ready for our quilt show. She brought some tote bags for volunteers to fill for Totes and More. Allison will be picking the Best of Show for the show in 2024.

Membership - Debbie Williams - We have 37 people in attendance and 4 guests. We also have 16 in attendance via Zoom. One of our guests joined the guild today.

Schoolhouse - Dale Shafer - She has brought some samples of what will be taught this fall and winter. She stated that the whole idea of classes this year will be that we can finish them in the class.

Military Service - Kathy Dunning - She thanked everyone that returned finished quilts. Lucy Klaas is asking for number of quilts she will need for distribution. She has Military Sew Day scheduled at Alamo Country Club on January 12, 2024....save the date. Diana Wolf is working on getting a Military Sew Day scheduled in October.

Nominating Committee - Diana Wolf - We still need someone for Programs Chair. Jan Randeau

states that she would be willing to stay on for a while to help the new chair if she wants. Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah Maney - She is still using fat quarters donated by A Block Away when they closed!

Show and Tell - Lots of pretty items! So much talent in our group.

Announcements/Questions

Mike Hall states that he still needs a backup person to help with the audio/visual part of our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

Secretary, Lila Helm

Newsletter Advertising

1/4 page \$25.00

1/2 page: \$50.00

Full page: \$100.00

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- 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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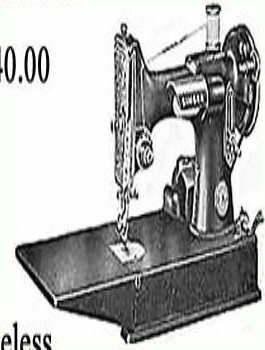
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Llano Grande RV Resort
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 272-2377
quilterstntkorner@gmail.com
Kathè Letulle - Owner

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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