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# President's Threads That Bind

Last Saturday was an excellent example of cooperation in a tough spot. Two days before our meeting, our speaker contacted us and said she would be unable to come. At the last minute, Josie McVey, with the help of her Bee, put together a trunk show and shared how their Bee had shared experiences, skills and has grown together. Along the way, several members have been helped through some rough patches of life. I am so grateful that our efforts have helped others. I have also seen this same spirit of cooperation in other places in our Guild. I think it is what makes our Guild special.

The Guild does have our own needs. We need three members to volunteer for the Nominating committee. The duties are to look around, talk to and see if someone would be a good fit for our coming officer vacancies. We need nominations for Membership, Community Service and Treasurer.

There are also some crucial openings on the Quilt Show committee. We do need your help. Some of these positions will affect how much money we have for Program speakers for next year. Help us help you.

For several positions, there are extensive guides to help with the transition from one person to another. Typically, the current officer is very willing to help someone new so the changeover is as smooth as possible. The officers and committee chairs are working on notebooks to pass along to their successors.

If you have a name, visit with me, Jean Waufle or Renee Darkis for more details or to share suggestions for a candidate.

Keep on stitchin' Diana Wolf, President

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# Sunshine and Shadows

### by Jackie Landon/Kathe Letulle

There have been many of our members who have needed our concern and prayers. We sincerely hope that these members know that their Family at the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild are concerned and praying for them

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 <u>shadows@rgvqq.com</u>

# Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

Schoolhouse is over until the fall when Dale and Nancy will have lined up some more wonderful classes. Remember they'd love to have you volunteer your skills and talent. You could be leading one of those fun and informative classes!

All classes will be held 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!

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

Supply Lists will be available online.

Sign-ups and payments are made via the Guild website.

Watch out for sign-up announcements for Schoolhouse Classes.

More information for each class will be available at <u>Schoolhouse - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild</u> (rgvqg.com)

### Aloysius alligator

Look for me on our webpage! Click on me and  $\mathbf{I}'ll$ 



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

The 2024 membership season is in full swing. Currently there are 232 paid members which is slightly ahead of where we were last year, same time. With your help, we are seeing several new members join our guild. We are also having inactive members make the decision to join again in 2024. Please bring your friends to the monthly meetings so that they can see what the guild is all about!

### How do you know if you have paid your 2024 dues?

\* You receive the monthly newsletter.

\* You receive the monthly email notification of the monthly Guild meeting.

\* Your name is on the Sign In sheet at the monthly Guild meeting.

\* If your new Memid # begins with 240xxx you will know you are current.

To renew your Guild membership for 2024, the easiest way is to do so online through the RGVQG.com web page. In addition you may do so in person at a Guild monthly meeting with a check for \$30 or with \$30 cash which will be placed in a sealed envelope.

When you do pay your dues for 2024, you will receive a RGV Membership Email. You should PRINT OUT this email. This email will include your name and new 240xxx membership ID number. At the bottom of this email is a RGVQG membership card that you can fill in with your name and number. If you want to have a card for your wallet, simply cut out the card once you have filled it in. This email is your proof of payment for 2024. As a member you will have access to the Members Only information on the RGVQG.com web page. The information for accessing these sections is provided in your Membership Email.

If you wish to purchase a membership badge, you may order one from Kathe Letulle at the monthly meetings. Typically she would have your badge at the following meeting. Kathe can be found before the meeting at the Retreat table.

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

# **Military Service Quilts**

Twenty quilts were presented recently to veterans working at a juvenile facility. They were very well received. Ten more were given to veterans at Llano Grande. Check our Facebook site for these and some other recent quilt presentations. There are bundled quilts ready to be quilted. Please consider helping out this way.

Also Lucy Klaas will be stepping down at the end of the year. It's very rewarding and we hope someone will be willing to take over. Think and pray on it, if you think you might be interested.

### 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.

### Give with Bing

Another way to support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD is through <u>Give with Bing</u> 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 <u>RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD</u> (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.

### 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

### Taxes & Less Taxes!

The Guild's 2023 Taxes have been successfully filed with the IRS and the Guild's Tax Exempt Status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit is being made available to the individual bees to allow for purchases of quilting supplies and equipment without paying sales tax. However, the use of the tax-exemption is restricted as any proceeds from sales of items produced using these supplies or equipment must be dedicated to the purposes of the bee and can not be donated to the bee's park. Typically, a seller will require proof of our taxexemption status and a copy of the IRS's confirmation of this status is available by contacting the guild treasurer. If you have any questions or need a copy of the documentation, please contact your treasurer.

# **Retreat News**

by Kathe Letulle

2025 RETREAT DATES Friendship Star - March 10 - 14, 2025 Bluebonnet Friends - March 16 - 20, 2025

Begin signing up on the wait list at any guild meeting or contact me at the information below.

Now to begin planning the 10<sup>th</sup> year we have been hosted by the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas. These folks are such a pleasure to work with for our stay at the "RANCH". Can you believe that we have been going to the RANCH this long! A Grand Experience is had by all attending. The Retreat Shirts (golf style with collar) are available to pre-order at \$30 each and must be prepaid. Red for Friendship Star and Royal Blue for Bluebonnet. If you wish to order a Retreat shirt, either e-mail or text message with your size, then mail a check made out to me - Kathe Letulle. The first order will go in October 1, 2024, so the shirts can be ordered in bulk and they will be delivered once they are embroidered The next order date will be January 1, 2025 and delivery will be at retreat (or maybe sooner). All attendees are asked to wear a red or blue shirt one day during the appropriate retreat. It is nice to see that one color for the day.

Although the retreats are full currently, always remember "LIFE HAPPENS" so place your name on the Wait-List if you have an interest.

Have a very blessed day!

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

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

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Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild News

Texas Coop Power magazine for May has Eileen Mattei's story, Fabric of Life, about being on a quilting retreat at NEWKS last year (before she became a RGVQG member.) You can read about it here.

The Fabric of Life | Texas Co-op Power (texascooppower.com)

# **Community Service**

by Chris Cowan

Recent reports received for 119 items, 744 hours and a value of \$5,394.

It's great to be part of such a generous group!



Carla Mewhinney and Lila Helm spent several hours putting together 41 pet beds for donation to the Palm Valley Animal Society

## **Bee News**

Queen City Bees

The QCB have been buzzing around the Haswell Hive on Tuesdays and Thursdays as they work on many amazing projects. Estela Zavala showed the QCB how to put together the "Potato Chip Block". This 32 piece block will be transformed by each QCB into this year's Christmas Exchange Block. Bee-utiful!!!

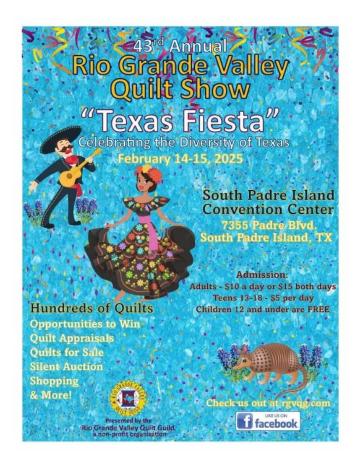
Carmen Avila and Cedina taught a class on reverse appliqué. 11 members participated and learned new skills to incorporate into their projects. UnBee-lievable!

# **RGV Quilt Show**

### By Jean Waufle & Renee Darkis

### 2025

Great plans are in the works judging by these 2 flyers. Rolie, the armadillo will be our mascot.



### Renee says:

I don't know about you, but I am really excited about the 2025 Quilt Show. Mark those calendars February 14-15, 2025! It's going to be a "Texas Fiesta" celebrating the diversity of Texas. The history of Texas offers many ideas for quilting. I have several ideas swimming around up there. I even have two of them started.

This year as in the past there are two challenges that are begging for your ideas.

### 2025 Chair's Choice

Chairs Choice will require an element of the Mexican culture in the Valley. This could represent colors, designs or holidays. Any size as long as it does not exceed the maximum perimeter of 480 inches. On the entry form Please include an explanation of what inspired you and the origin of the quilt.

#### 2025 Challenge

The challenge is to create a fiber piece that showcases the diversity of Texas.

This must be an original piece and should not include any breakable embellishments. The size is limited to a maximum of 72-inch perimeter. If it's a circle or odd shape the diameter shouldn't exceed 18 inches.

Let's put on those thinking caps and get started. Have fun creating! I can hardly wait to see what you make.

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Can't wait to see everyone's imagination for this one, have fun!!



# Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice.

# Show Board Openings for the 2025 RGV Quilt Show!

It helps if each show committee has co-chairs and certainly you can recruit friends to help as needed.

#### **Opportunity Quilt committee**

This committee is responsible for ensuring that each guild member gets an envelope with 24 tickets. You will be expected to keep records so that it is clear who has picked up and returned their tickets with the appropriate amount of money. You will receive a cash box, a container for the signed ticket stubs and a membership list to help keep track of the tickets and the money. Opportunity tickets are distributed at each guild meeting. The Guild treasurer receives the money and deposits it in the show account.

You also will keep the Opportunity Quilt and display it at guild meetings and sales events. There is a display rack that comes with it. The quilt and other prizes are exhibited at the 2025 show at the Opportunity Quilt booth, as well as selling the remainder of the tickets.

The opportunity tickets have been ordered and a volunteer is packaging them in sets of 24 in envelopes which have the numbers on the outside. The membership chair will create a list of members for you.

In the fall/winter there will be opportunities at Sam's Club in Harlingen and at the SPI Convention Center to sell to the public. Edna Butler and Mike Hall are willing to help with that.

#### **Bargain Boutique**

This committee functions best with co-chairs and is most successful if a bee/bees is helping choose the projects and to make them. The job mostly entails recruiting people to make items for the boutique throughout the year and recruiting your own volunteers to help set up, sell, and take down at the show.

There is a list of items that sold well at the 2023 show available and Kathy Snyder and Suzanne Brennan can provide information for 2024. It is important that items are made from quality fabric and are well made. They can help with what did not sell as well.

We do have storage available in Laguna Vista and there is a bin of items from the 2024 show that are good quality.

### Volunteers

This committee works best with co-chairs. Joy Paugh and Susan Coleman have worked together for the last few years and have created digital forms for each of the parts of the show that use volunteers. Many of the committees recruit most of their own volunteers. This committee keeps records of those volunteers and fills in the missing time slots. The majority of the work for this committee happens in the last several months before the show. During the show they are responsible for creating the name tags and information packets for the show volunteers and handing them out as the volunteers arrive for their assignments. Bothe Joy and Susan are willing to mentor the new chairs.

## <u>Programs</u>

By Josie McVey

On June 8th, 2024 we will have a lecture presentation by Carol Wilhoit on AHA! Techiques and Tools for Perfecting Your Quiltmaking! Come to the Guild Meeting and listen to Carol give us some great ideas for precision piecing and for sampling and improving our sewing, piecing and guilting.

Carol Wilhoit has some 40 years of quilting experience. She is a retired physician, who enjoys bringing her technical mind to quilting.

For July 12th and 13th we will have one of our members of the Guild, Joy Paugh, share her talent with us. Joy has been a member of the guild for about 12 years and has served in different areas, as well as being active in the Llano Grande Bee. At the present time she enjoys the scrappy artsy side of quilting, exploring thread painting, collage and scrappy blocks. Joy will have a collage class on Friday, July 12th at Pharr South. A fabric kit is included in the price of the class. She will also do a lecture presentation at our July Guild Meeting on Creative Stitching.

For September 14th at our Guild Meeting we will have a lecture presentation by another member of our Guild, Pat Cooper, sharing her talents with us. Pat will be sharing on Art Quilting. I will have more information on the next month's newsletter.

On October 11th and 12th we will have Joyce Teng with TSC Designs teach a class on Fabric Inking where we will learn techniques to create a colorful harmony using Tsukineko inks. More information will provided in the months to come.

On November 9th we will have Karen Brown, with Just Get It Done, provide a lecture presentation on "How To Be the Best Quilter You Can Be!" More information will provided in the months to come.

On December 14th we will have Emily Bailey, with Aunt Em's Quilts, provide a lecture presentation on "Discover the Possibilities Hidden in Your Scraps." We will learn strategies to find and use your scraps. Explore how color and value affect your quilts.

Friendship Day has been moved to January, 2025. We are in need of a Bee and/or a group of ladies willing to take care this of this very worthwhile event. The purpose is to generate membership for the guild and at the same time create an environment where quilters get together, perhaps learn something new, and plan and prepare to enjoy the new year ahead quilting with friends! Please let us know if your Bee or a group of you would be interested in helping Chair this event.



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

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#### Quilt Instructions:

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

#### Size Dimensions:

- Hand or Machine Quilted with batting
- Twin or lap-size are accepted

Matching Pillowcase(Optional): 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 Other Opportunities: Donate Fabric Long Arm Quilting Services • Delivery or Pick up quilts . Photography
  - Speak to local guilds

Great news from Alyssa Gonzalez, our District coordinator, we have exceeded the 15 quilts promised!! She has already received 24 quilts. If you have one started, you are ahead of the game for next year.

You can contact her, **text (best) or call her cell phone at (956) 578-3352 or** via email **agonzalez@nplexusrgv.com**.

### Scholarship Update

Leslie Lorenzo

We received 15 applications for the RGVQG 2024 Scholarship. A committee of 5 people reviewed the applications and the RGVQG board approved the committee's recommendation. Therefore, a letter has been sent offering a \$2,000 scholarship to Emma Minerva Hernandez, a Senior at PSJA Memorial ECHS. Emma has a 4.0 GPA. She plans on Majoring in Fashion Design with a minor in Textile Design at Texas Women's University. Emma has been invited to attend the June 8 Guild meeting at which time, you can learn more about her.

It has been noted that we may be narrowing the guidelines of our scholarship by limiting applicants to be "Preparing for a career in textile related professions. Plan to enroll in a Home Making Apparel Course of study, i.e. Textile Production. The Apparel Course of Study includes fashion, designing, pattern making, study of materials, dyes and all things related to textiles." We have a committee formed to review these guidelines. We are looking for input about revising the guidelines and if so, what changes would you make? Please email suggestions to scholarship@rgvqg.com. All input is appreciated and will be considered. Thank you for your thoughts.

### Excerpts from Texas Quilt Museum Flyer

### Spring/Summer Exhibits at the Museum Celebrate Rodeo Winners and Fiber Excellence!

Just like the upcoming Texas weather, things are heating up at the Texas Quilt Museum with the installation of two new exhibits. *The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Prizewinners 2024* and *Fiber Art Now: Excellence in Quilts III* will be on display now through August 31, 2024. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Prizewinners 2024 exhibit is a vibrant celebration of Texas culture. And one of the fascinating aspects of this annual event—one of Houston's biggest and most beloved—is the Quilt Contest.

The Contest is divided into Adult and Youth categories. The Museum will display the Blue Ribbon winners from both of them, totaling 35 in all in Galleries I and II.

"The quilts are confirmation that the art of quilting is still very much alive in Texas, celebrating both the rich history of the art form and the applications of many traditional techniques and styles onto contemporary quilts," says Museum Curator Vicki Mangum. "You'll be impressed by the workmanship and beauty of these winners—from all age levels!"

There's also a sampling of talented works from promising young student artists at La Grange High School. Guided by Art Teacher Jack Vollbaum, the students were charged with creating "Western Art." All of the pieces were finalists for judging, and some went-on to win Gold Medals or Blue Ribbons at the 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Gallery III will host the *Fiber Art Now: Excellence in Quilts III* exhibit, with a total of 19 works of art on display.

"This is an international exhibition that features the best of contemporary fiber and textile art," Mangum says. Artists were encouraged to explore innovative techniques and push the boundaries, according to organizer *Fiber Art Now* magazine. Museumgoers will see a range of innovative quilted textiles juried by Sue Benner, the award-winning artist and educator.

"The quilted works are intriguing and educational in the use of materials and imagination. The artistry is truly extraordinary, and we are so pleased to have this exhibit!" Mangum adds.

### **Regular Hours are 10 am-4 pm on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.**



I was at the museum this past Thursday and it was tremendous! The youth entries were absolutely amazing. Ages ranged from an 8 year old up to college sophomore!

Chris Cowan

# RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

### May 11, 2024

Our meeting was called to order by our president, Diana Wolf at 9:00am.

Diana made some announcements about some of the dos and don'ts for our meeting in person and remotely. She introduced Josie McVey as our speaker today in the absence of the guest speaker. Our scheduled speaker is ill and in the hospital. Josie had a trunk show of the work done by the Bee she belongs to. She told us about the experience of their members. Josie was also not feeling well {she has a toothache}. We all think you did great with only 48 hours' notice to prepare. **Treasurers' report - Mike Hall -** Will be placed

on file for audit.

Secretary's' report – Lila Helm – Renee Darkis made a motion to accept. Will be filed as printed. Membership – Debbie Williams – 232 paid members, 47 present and 13 on Zoom plus 2 guests.

**Community Service** - Chris Cowan - absent **Programs /Friendship Day** - Josie McVey - we need someone to step forward to help with Friendship Day. Josie has been making phone calls and no one wants to help. Diana let us know that you can read this in the newsletter. She read off the schedule for the upcoming months.

BeeKeepers - Floria Flores and TBA -

Facebook - Carmen Avila and Bonnie Hall Fat Quarter Draw - Carah Maney - absent -Bonnie Hall did the drawing for this month. Historian - Donna Otto -

Hostess/ Door Prizes - Elaine Hall, Marty Morrison - Elaine has gotten some donations that are making really nice prizes.

#### Library – Susan Coleman –

Newsletter - Chris Cowan - Please have your articles in early this month as I will be traveling. Military Service - Lucy Klass - Dale Shafer took in 3 quilts today in Lucy's absence.

#### Publicity - Marsha Santow -

Quilt Show 2025 - Renee Darkis - Wants us to start our Challenge Quilt. Only 2 have so far! She explained that there are all sorts of things to work with. Two chairpersons are needed yet. One for the boutique and one for the opportunity quilt. Retreats - Kathe Letulle - retreats are full with several on the waiting list.

**Scholarships** – **Leslie Lorenzo** – 15 have applied for with 1 confirmed.

**Schoolhouse** - **Dale Shafer** - Vickie Guera will be giving a class on making her little cushion for the clippies we all use now.

Sunshine and Shadows - Jackie Landon Nominating Committee - Vacant - we need volunteers.

Webmaster - Bonnie Hall - nothing new. Zoom - Diane Tewel -

**Show and Tell**.... Everyone is so talented! Renee Darkis announced that she just got 2 volunteers for the quilt show. Jan Rondeau and her friend Lindee have stepped up. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Lila Helm

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild News

# 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

### **RGVQG** Disclaimer

RGVQG does not discriminate nor endorse any advertisement placed in RGVQG News. RGVQG is not responsible for, nor takes responsibility for defective merchandise or false advertisements. Good afternoon,

On behalf of the New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild, I would like to personally invite your members to join us for QuiltFest 2024. This year's show will take place July 26th-27th from 10:00AM-5:00PM at the New Braunfels Convention Center at <u>375 S</u> <u>Castell Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130</u>.

QuiltFest 2024 will include more than 150 quilts, demonstrations, vendors, special presentations, raffle quilt, Emporium (our popular thrift store), and more! This year's theme is "Peace, Love, and Flower Power" so throw on your favorite hippy gear and join in the fun!

You can find more information about our guild and show on our website or social media pages linked below.

http://www.newbraunfelsareaquiltguild.org/quiltfe st-2024.html

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064 907431765&mibextid=ZbWKwL

https://www.instagram.com/new\_braunfels\_quiltf est\_2024/

We would love it if you would share our event with your quilt guild and community. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Happy quilting,

#### **Michelle Womack**

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"Pcace, Love, & Flower Power" July 26-27, 2024

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