

Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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January 2016

Presidents Piece

Calendar

We are a lucky group! Today has been a wonderful day - temperatures in the 70s, bright blue skies, and best of all, great friends who share our passion for quilting. It's hard to remember that up north it's freezing and in the depths of winter.

As a quilt guild, we have done a great job of sharing our good fortune. I got the numbers yesterday of how much we have contributed to the South Texas community during the past year. We made and donated 3481 items and spent 14,149 hours of our time making those things during the past year. That adds up to a value of \$102,508. Not bad for a bunch of little old ladies and a few helpful (and talented) men. You should be proud of your contributions!

During the Quilt Show, we will get a chance to show off some of the quilts we've made and donated. Mary Jo Havertape is bringing the military service quilts she still has in her possession to display. We will also be making presentations of some of those quilts during the show. Please join us in those presentations to thank some of the military service members who have given so much for our country. While you are there, say "thanks" to Mary Jo for all the time and effort she puts in each month on both Military Service Quilts and Community Service projects.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of your quilts at the show. I've been working on registering your quilts and I have seen lots of beauties. I am blown away by how talented you all are. Come to South Padre Island and celebrate how lucky we are with all your quilting friends.

Carla

Board Meeting: Renee's Place
February 10, 2016 at 10:30 am
Quilt Show Committee
Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Guild Meeting:
February 13, 2016 at 9am
Program At the Quilt Show:
**Melinda Bula Her Fabulous
Fusible Flowers**
"The Bird of Paradise"

The Bad Ass Quilter Has had a severe medical emergency in her family and has had to cancel. She and her family need our prayers! Those who have paid for her class will be reimbursed.

Board Meeting: Renee's Place
March 9, 2016 10:30
Quilt Show Committee:
meeting 8:30 am
Guild Meeting:
March 12, 2016 9:am
place to meet will be set later
Program: Jan Matthews
Tea Time Placemats
Judy Neimeyer's
technique



RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, January 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am in Weslaco, Texas by Renee Darkis in the absence of Carla Mewhinney who was sick.

Secretary's minutes from the December 2015 meeting was adopted as read as there were no additions or corrections made.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in account is \$33,188.54 as of December 31st, 2015.

Announcements: Life's A Stitch Quilt Store is closing. The National Quilt Museum is having a show in Harlingen from January 12th thru March 12th, 2016. On January 26th, both Linda Haderer and Pat Skye will be doing presentations at the show.

Membership: We have 349 members with 13 new since last meeting. Today we have 160 members and 4 guests present. Members are encouraged to renew before the end of February meeting in order to be eligible for the scholarship drawings to attend a National or International Show.

Community Service: In December 319 items were donated for a total of 956 hours and a value of \$7,148.75.

Programs: Jan McCoy was introduced as our new 3rd VP in charge of Programs. Future programs are posted on the web site.

Schoolhouse Classes: The January class will be held at STC in Room 167. Please see the web site for further info on directions and on future classes.

Sunshine & Shadows: Nila Layman's husband remains critical but is improving; Bev Fleming had a hip replacement and is doing well and our President, Carla Mewhinney has lost her voice and is not feeling well.

Military Service: January 27th is a Sew Day at Raymondville. Everyone encouraged to attend. See the web site for further info and directions. There will be a presentation of a quilt on January 5th and 6 presentations will be done during the quilt show.

Retreat: There are still a few openings for retreat. February 28th is the last day to cancel and receive a refund. A Licensed Massage Therapist will be available for massages during the retreat but you must sign up, with a first come first serve basis.

Quilt Show: There are 3 more registration dates as follows: January 13th at Hidden Valley Ranch from 9 am till noon; Sunshine Country Estates on the 14th from 9 am to 11 am and the final registration is on the 21st at Bridge Avenue Church of Christ from 9 am to noon. Please see the Calendar on the web site for further info. All Challenge quilts are to be registered for the show and brought to the February meeting for voting. The classes by Melinda Bula and Maddie Kertay at the show lagging in registration and will be open to the public with advertisement after this meeting if no improvement. Members are also encouraged to donate items to be sold to raise money for the guild. Voting took place on the miniatures donated for the Silent Auction with the following winners: 1st Jessie Vanden Berg; 2nd Donna Williams; 3rd Lynne Benson; Honorable mention were by Judy Basset and Judy Brown.

Library: Everyone was reminded that if they had a book signed out to please be sure and return it before heading north for the summer.

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Fat Quarter Drawing has been coordinated by Dale Shafer for several years. Today she announced that it has been very profitable for the guild and presented a check for \$1000. to the guild and \$500. to Subie and Rick Redd who are now taking over this position... Yeh! Dale great job!

Block of Month: Next month will be March 21st from the Calendar. Patches and Leaves, white background, green leaves and pink and burgundy squares.

Bonnie Cassidy presented her blocks from last month in the form of two table runners and qualifies for a gift certificate to classes.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

Quilt Show:

A. Quilt registration is almost non-existent! There is less than one month before the final registration on January 21. Usually RV parks have requested holding registrations in their parks. At this time, only 2 parks are scheduled. If your park wants registration in your park, please call Carla Mewhinney at 575-706-1759 as soon as possible!

B. To schedule Quilt Appraisals, contact Judi Swanda at 956-223-4490. Quilt appraisals can assist you in determining the value for insurance or tax purposes.

C. Classes during the quilt show are \$45 & payable at the signup time. They are as follows:

1) Saturday, Feb. 20, Melinda Bula, an art quilter, will be teaching a fusible Bird of Paradise, no sewing machine is needed.

2) Sunday, Feb. 21, Maddie Kertay, from Bad Ass Quilter's Society will be teaching a class. This had originally been scheduled as a Guild program class. If you had signed up for that class, please pay the \$45 at the next Guild meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9. If you no longer wish to take this class, please let Deb Blackburn know as soon as possible. Bonnie M Hall Webmaster & Membership 740-398-1629

BEE NEWS



January was a busy month for the Llano Grande Quilters. It is the month when we have six classes scheduled in addition to our Beginner and Intermediate Quilting courses beginning.

Over 6 weeks, the beginning class will learn new skills while making the Yellow Brick Road and the Intermediate class will be making a quilt from the Underground Railroad book. On January 12th, 57 ladies took a bus trip to Corpus Christi for our annual Shop Hop. And the entire Bee worked diligently to make the 7th annual Llano Grande Heirloom Rose Quilt Show a big success on January 29th. The Opportunity Quilt, Heirloom Rose of Llano will be given away on February 28th at the park's Show and Tell event. The quilt is 90"x100" and is made from French linen in soft colors of rose, ivory and green and is delightfully lightweight with wool batting. Tickets are available right up until the drawing for \$1 each or 5 for \$6. To insure that Llano Grande Bee's new members feel comfortable participating in quilting classes and understand various procedures of the organization, a mentoring program has been started. Present members were asked to volunteer to serve in a mentor capacity and the response was overwhelming. The new members were also asked if they felt such a program would be beneficial to them. So far, ten new members have been paired up with a mentor. Our quilting bee wants everyone to feel they are an integral part of our group and we feel this program is a step in achieving this goal. Carol Sylvester

Bee News



Save the dates

Friday, January 29, 1 - 5 pm

Saturday, January 30, 8 am - 5 pm

Alamo Country Club, 416 Rexine Dr, Alamo TX

Tell the gate you're visiting Kathy Dunning at above address.

Selling Bernley's fabrics and books. All priced to sell.

There is, also, a 1946 Featherweight and a Singer sewing machine for sale.

Please contact Kathy Dunning or Karyn Heaney for more info. Bonnie M Hall

Webmaster & Membership

740-398-1629

Quilt and Hobby Show,
February 4th, 2016

Alamo Rec Veh Park

9 am to 1 pm

\$2 Donation at the door,
door prizes, vendors and
refreshments served.

The **Sew and Sew Quilt Bee** meets on Tuesday, Thursday, and now Friday. Tuesday is our day for learning something new from members of our group. Thursday is "Do Your Own Thing Thursday" where you continue to work on a project and members of the group are eager to see what you are doing as well as assist when needed. Friday is designed for beginning quilters and many tips and new strategies are shared.

The bee has been very busy with donation quilts, making baby quilts for The Rainbow Room in Weslaco and large lap quilts for cancer patients with assistance from the Thrivent Action Team. We have also made Christmas balls for the guild's quilt show as well as military quilts for Quilts of Valor. Our busy line-up of lessons have included a stack and whack quilt and we are now trying French braids. We are looking forward to the sew day in Raymondville.

Val Forsyth



Treasurer's Report

Income and Expeditures RGVQG Checking Account	
DECEMBER 2015	
Balance Forward	\$ 30,874.21
INCOME	
	Income December 2015
Administration	
Community Service	
Dues & Subscriptions (Fons & Porter)	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	2,150.00
Military Service	190.00
Newsletter	25.00
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs	1,215.00
Quilt Show (50% of storage unit rental)	
Quilter's School Flouse	465.00
Retreat #1 2016	1,100.00
Retreat cancellations (refunds)	(600.00)
Retreat #2 2016	1,760.00
Retreat 2017	
Total Income	\$ 6,305.00
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	957.62
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	
Dues & Subscriptions	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	54.05
Membership	100.00
Military Service	
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Bond Insurance	
Programs, (Bldg use rent)	2,729.00
Quilter's School Flouse (bldg use rent)	150.00
Retreat #1 2016	
Retreat #2 2016	
Retreat 2017	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
Total Expenses	\$ 3,990.67

Corner Stone

My name is Carla Mewhinney and I'm the new president of the Rio Grande Quilt Guild. I live full-time in Hidden Valley Ranch, a park between Mission and Penitas. My husband, Jim, is retired from the Department of Energy, and I retired after 20 years of working for Sandia National Laboratories and an additional 3 years as a private contractor for the Department of Energy.



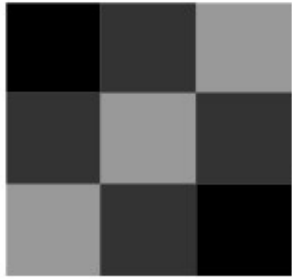
Jim and I spent about 6 years as full-time Rvers. We traveled all over the US while I consulted with federally funded research labs on how to optimize their research programs. Before that, we lived in Carlsbad, New Mexico and worked in a salt mine that was being prepared to be a nuclear waste disposal facility. We have been married 30 years and he has 2 sons and a daughter. We have 8 grandchildren that I claim as mine, even though they are really step-grandchildren.

I have been around quilting my whole life. Some of my earliest memories are of going with my grandmother to her neighbor's house to quilt with her quilting friends. I made my first quilt when I was about 20 years old. It was a king size Lonestar, made with my own hand dyed fabric and without a pattern. It's great to be young and not know that that was something lots of accomplished quilters would have avoided. Once it was pieced, I sent it to my grandmother's quilting group, who hand quilted it for \$1 per spool of thread. I think it cost me about \$15 for the quilting! I still have that quilt. It has faded a lot, since I didn't know much about dyeing fabric, but it has held up pretty well. I didn't do any more quilting until about 10 years ago.

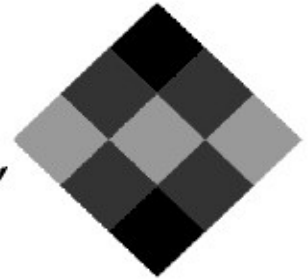
I'm looking forward to meeting all of you during the next few months. Please introduce yourself to me. I have a hard time remembering names, but I will try hard to put names and faces together, so just keep reminding me when I forget.

Meet our new Program Chairman Jan McCoy
Members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild welcome you and wish you the best and look forward to working with you.





National Quilt Museum's
"New Quilts from an Old Favorite"
2015 Contest Winners



Nine Patch

On Exhibit

January 12, 2016 through March 5, 2016
at the
Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum

Coffee and Special Event, 10:30 a.m.

January 26th: PAT SKYE, LINDA HADERER

Explanation of Exhibit

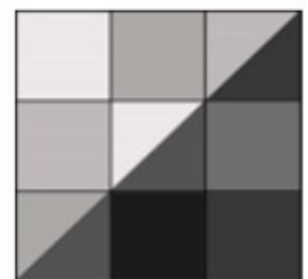
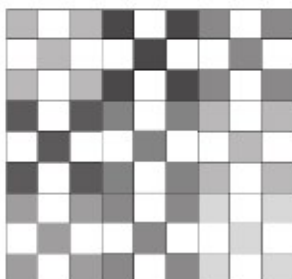
"Show & Tell" Everyone is welcomed to bring
1 item to share with us.

Reservations Preferred - 956-216-4901

This exhibition was organized by the National Quilt Museum
(Museum of the American Quilter's Society),
Paducah, Kentucky,
and sponsored by MODA Fabrics, and Janome America,
Incorporated.

Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum

2425 Boxwood
Harlingen, Texas
(956) 216-4901



Community Service

2015 Year End Community Service Report

Total Items.....3481

Total Hours.....1,439

Total Value.....\$102,507.75

Community Service Report for January 2016

Total items.....893

Total hours.....7,097

Total value.....\$51,457.00

Donated to:

Ronald McDonald House – Harlingen
Renaissance Neo-Natal Center
Sacred Heart Family Services
Weslaco Rainbow Room
Sunshine CC Retried Vets

Harlingen Cancer [Center](#)

Lower Valley Rainbow Rooms
American Cancer Society
Military Service Quilts
Me ico Ministries
Holy Family Birthing Center
McAllen Pregnancy Center
Knapp Nursery
Sacred Heart Church - Mercedes

Donated by:

Ella Hendri
Trophy Gardens
Weslaco Heritage Bee
Sew & Sew Bee
Killer Bees

Green Bees
Busy Bees Quilters
Sew Be It Bee
Marilyn McIndoo
Llano Grande
Quilting Bee

Donated by:

Killer Bees
Dawn Sanders
Sue Arnold
Mary Jo Havertape
Trophy Gardens
Sandy Gurney
Lynne Benson

RETREAT 2016

Retreat is just around the corner. Are we excited? Plan on having a fantastic time with your quilting sisters.

A few reminders:

Retreat MUST be paid in full by the February Guild Meeting

Last day to cancel and get a refund is FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Emergency Medical Forms are due by the March Guild Meeting. They will be returned to you at the end of retreat.

Sign up for a massage or reflexology with the on property LMT. She is great. She accepts cash, check or credit card. You'll be happy you did. I have her price list and it will be displayed at the meetings with the sign-up sheets.

Please let me know if you are bringing large cutting mats to share at the cutting stations. I had a few saying they would bring mats. We should have 4 stations set up and I will need 4 mats for each retreat. Mary Jo Havertape is letting us use 4 sets of risers for both retreats. Thank you, Mary Jo.

There is 2 spots available for the Friendship Star retreat set for March 14-18, 2016. Don't miss out on all the fun and fellowship.

If you need more info, contact me. I'm in the Guild Directory.

Until next time,
Karyn Heaney

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Members

We now have 350 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. This includes 234 2016 members and 116 2015 members that still need to renew. The 2015 members need to renew by the break at the February 13 guild meeting to be included in the random drawing for the international/national quilt show scholarships.

Welcome New Members – L Patricia Ballinger, Sue Bauscher, Judy Bergman, Bonnie Cramer, Maria England, Janice Henderson, Nancy Kinyon, Barbara Kissler, Rosemary, McGee, Patsy Mellen, Carol Monter, Helen Ortlieb, Mellie Peach, Judy Shelton, Jane Wonick, Patricia Wurm

I will not be publishing address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is now available online on the alligator page. You will need a password to open the directory. Please contact me if you want the password for the new online directory.

Bonnie M Hall (membership@rgvqg.com) or 740-398-1629



Hi! Its that time of year again.....

To all Members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, please see the emergency box on the web site (www.rgvqg.com) for information on future meetings and classes. The map is in color, and may take some time to download.

Thank you

2016 RGVQG Show Challenge

“A Salute to Heroes”

Rules:

This should depict what a hero means to you it may be any shape as long as outside circumference is no larger than 144 inches
any colors may be used but red, white and blue must be used somewhere
it must include an odd number of stars

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