

# Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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## Presidents Piece

### UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!

Or in this case the RGVQG wants you!  
The Guild is operated by a group of volunteers and there are always opportunities to volunteer.



If you don't like the decisions the Guild's Board or the Quilt Show Committee are making, volunteer to join the board. That's the way to have your voice heard! Gossiping with your friends isn't a way to get things changed. There has been a lot of discussion the past few months about moving the Quilt Show to South Padre Island and to charge admission for everyone going to the show. Those decisions were made by the Quilt Show Committee after long discussions during the meeting. If you disagree with those decisions, please volunteer for next years Show Committee or, volunteer to be the Quilt Show Chairperson for 2018, or to make the Opportunity Quilt for 2018, If no one volunteers soon, the Guild's Board is faced with a decision about whether to cancel the Quilt Show for 2018. That's a decision that is sure to be unpopular! If you are new to our Guild, volunteer for one of our committees or for a position on a Board. It's a great way to meet people and to learn new skills. We always have openings for volunteers. Our committees have "old-timers" who can show you what needs to be done and can introduce you to people in the Guild and you can have a positive influence on the future of the Guild.

## Calendar

### Board Meeting:

March 9, 2016 10:30 am  
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School  
1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX  
Quilt Show Committee:  
meeting 8:30 am

### Guild Meeting:

March 12, 2016 9:am  
STC Weslaco  
**Program:** Jan Matthews  
Tea Time Placemats  
Judy Neimeyer's technique

### Board Meeting:

April 6, 2016 10:30 am  
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School  
1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX  
Quilt Show Committee:  
meeting 8:30 am

### Guild Meeting:

April 9, 2016 9:am  
STC Weslaco



# RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, February, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney, President at 9:06 am at STC in Weslaco, Texas.

Past President, Renee Darkis installed all 2016 Officers.

Secretary's minutes from the January 2016 meeting were adopted as posted in the newsletter as there were no additions or corrections noted.

Treasurers Report: Balance in account as of 1-31-2016 is \$35,683.49 Karon Jacobson announced that the guild now has a phone capable of accepting credit card payments and that this will be used at the quilt show.

Announcements: Hwy 100 may be closed on Saturday for a short period during the rodeo parade, Hwy 510 just a few miles south of Hwy 100 is a good alternate route.

The Green Bees at Green Gate Grove RV Park have a bus trip scheduled for 3-1-16 and have seats available. Please contact Millie Leonard if interested. Carla Mewhinney has entry forms for anyone wanting to enter the quilt show in Victoria, Texas. Volunteers are needed to become Bee Keepers in the Lower and Upper Valley.

Michelle Dextras has a cutting table and matt for sale, please see her. Carla announced that there was a really nice article in the Monitor on the quilt show and that there would be one in the Island paper this coming week.

Membership: There are 271 members currently. The directory is on-line and you must use the password to get to it. An e-mail will be sent out with further information.

Community Service: Totals for 2015 are as follows: 3481 items for a total of 14,139 hours and a value of \$102,507.75. Totals for January 2016 are 893 items for a total of 7097 hours and a value of \$51,457.00.

Programs: The Board made a decision that volunteers are needed to assist Jan McCoy with programs. This will be to assist with picking up/delivering guest speakers, helping at classes, etc. All program classes will now be held at Fiber Art Quilts, 1623 N. Tower Rd., Alamo. Jan Matthews' class in March is open for more participants as is Melinda Bula's class at the quilt show.

Schoolhouse: March 4<sup>th</sup> is the last class for this season. It will be a no sew appliqué class.

Sunshine & Shadows: Sharon DeGarimore's husband is ill, Sharon Chapman remains in hospital but is improving, Vicki Guerra's daughter is ill and Melinda Goodman is

Undergoing chemo treatments. Thoughts and prayers go out to all of them.

Hostess: Today we have 158 members present with 5 guests.

Newsletter: All articles are due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Military Service Quilts: The following Sew Days are scheduled: 24th of February at Trophy Gardens from 9 am to 3 pm, lunch provided, bring your own drinks; and 3-8-16 at Green Gate Grove with the Green Bees, 9 am to 3 pm, lunch provided.

Retreat: Karen Heaney has openings in both retreats due to cancellations. All payments are due today. The 28th of February is the last day for refunds. A massage therapist is available during the retreat. Cutting Boards and extension cords are needed. The Bluebonnet Retreat is doing a book swap – bring a book, take a book.

Block Drawings: Jo Corey showed off the quilts she made from the blocks she won and qualifies for a \$25 gift certificate to a class. Donna Lovdahl won today's blocks. Next month's block is from 3-31-16 and is to be done in cream or beige and two colors of green.

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Challenge Quilts were voted on with the following winners:

- First Place: Navy flag by Karen Okerstrom
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: A Nation Challenged by Sandi Carstenson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: My Hero's Firefighter by Lynn Benson
- And HM: Hero's Wear Dog Tags by Karon Jacobson

Deborah Blackburn reported on the Quilt Show as follows: Volunteers are needed to work the show. This year there will be no Second Hand Rose and the Quilted Gallery is now called the Quilted Bazaar. There will be a non-denominational church service on Sunday morning. There will also be a Fashion Show and a Military Service Sew area.

In order to attend the opening reception you must have bought a ticket in advance, no tickets will be sold on Friday night. Mi continues to need members to volunteer to do a demo during the show. All voting on quilts will end at 1 pm on Sunday.

Member Scholarship Drawing for 3 members and eight alternates took place by random drawing using member ID numbers assigned when they paid membership. The winners are as follows:

Kim Sawatzky

Carolyn Moore

Sharon Swanson

Alternates:

Judy Shelton

Barbara Hall

Judy Sprague White

Diane Brodin

Linda Mahoney

Betty Fiser

Lila Helm

Gloria Harris

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary



The Border Quilters from Winter Haven Resort in Brownsville held their 17th annual "Baby Blankets for Brownsville" day on January 19. 119 ladies from the park worked from 9-3 in factory style with various jobs—sandwiching, sewing, trimming, turning, pressing, topstitching, and finally tying the quilts. Pre-staging work included piecing the tops and having 200 quilts ready for the ladies who tied. By the end of the day, 300 quilts were ready for distribution. Another 35 quilts have been finished by a few ambitious ladies who finished tying at home. This year the Brownsville Herald had front page coverage of this annual project with an article and two photos. Also in December, 28 lap quilts were given to a nursing home. Our charity work is supported by donations of cash and fabric, proceeds of a pie sale, and funds donated by park hairdressers who hold 2 Cut-a-thons each year. The Border Quilters participate in their park craft shows, will host a luncheon and style show in February, and holds their park quilt show on the morning of March 5.

submitted by Terry Davis, leader of the group

## Llano Grande Quilt Show Winner

Carolyn Fox received the most votes with her "Spring Bouquet" Quilt designed by Edyta Sitcar.



# RGVQG Membership

We now have 275 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. New members have never belonged to our guild before. Returning members were members in the past, but not the prior year. Renewing members were members in the prior year. The following are the memberships received at or since the January guild meeting.

**Welcome New Members** – Susan Adams, Rae Corbet, Mary Elveru, Kathie Ferree, Charles Edward Gough, Janice Halligan, Marilyn Hearnberger, Angie McGuire, Lois Mundell, Mary Sue Schaefer, Marcy Shoemaker, Donna Wendel.

**Welcome back returning members** - Shelley Bryant, Earline Foster, Mary Lou Janssen and

**Welcome back renewing members** - Doris Anderson, Bernadina Banker, Marilyn Bannon, Deb Blackburn, Elaine Blasey, Wendy Bocian, Diane Brodin, Linda A Campbell, Dennis Carstensen, Sandi Carstensen, Bonnie Cassidy, Dinora Cavazos, Esther Cavazos, Chris Colborn, Denise Cornell, Chris Cowan, Renee Darkis, Glenda Davis, Kathleen Kay Dombi, Kris Driscoll, Donna Eckhoff, Cindy Ellis, Ellie Gardhouse, Marilyn Garnett, Rosa Garza, Nora Gil, Melinda Goodman, Carolyn Gottfried, Linda A Haderer, Linda Happ, Gloria Harris, Ella Hendrix, Patty Hoerr, Jeanne Huff, Lucy Klaas, Nila Layman, Karen Ledvina, Angela Lieser, Maggie Loney, Sylvia Martinez, Karen (Kitty) Massie, Vera McEvoy, Mi Belia Mena, Audrey Miller, Shirley Miller, Sylvia Moreno, Shirley Nygren, Laurel M Oestreich, Dianne Parry, Christy Pohler, Brenna Raemer, Anne Renkly, Cassino Richardson, Jackie Ridlon, Nancy Risinger, Katherine Rose, Adela H Saldaña, Kim Sawatzky, Carol Schilling, Alice Schroeder, Claudette Shafer, Michaela Shyne-Kalsow, Stella H Snider, Connie Sullivan, Darlene Talbott, Charlyn Trussell, Margie Walker, Debra "Debi" Warner, Fran Wessel, Linda Wood

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](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com)) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

# Treasurer's Report

Income and Expeditures RGVQG Checking Account	
JANUARY 2016	
Balance Forward	\$ 33,213.54
INCOME	Income January 2016
Administration	1.46
Community Service	
Dues & Subscriptions (Fons & Porter)	
Fat Quarter Raffle	1000
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	3319
Military Service	246
Newsletter	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs	1281
Quilt Show (50% of storage unit rental)	
Quilter's School Flouse	
Friendship Star 2016 (#1)	1620
Retreat cancellations (refunds)	-300
Blue Bonnet 2016 (#2)	1800
Retreat 2017	
Total Income	\$ 8,967.46
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	1169.85
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	5
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	194.42
Dues & Subscriptions	
Fat Quarter Raffle	71.35
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	
Military Service	1409.75
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Bond Insurance	
Programs, (Bldg use rent)	3497.14
Quilter's School Flouse (bldg use rent)	150
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	\$ 6,497.51
Account Balance Forward	\$ 35,683.49

# QUILTERS' SCHOOL HOUSE

The March 4, 2016, class is Sunburst Flower, no sew applique taught by Nancy Risinger. Nancy began quilting after she retired from her teaching career. She took a series of classes from a local quilt shop to begin her quilting career. She currently is working on a wall quilt using Texas wildflowers to create a series of arched windows.

Cost for a class is \$10.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members paid in advance of the class. The extra \$25.00 for non-members may be applied to a membership in the RGVQG. A membership form should be filled out. There may be extra charges for a class such as patterns, supplies, etc.

Sign up for a class by e-mailing me at [schoolhouse@rgvqg.com](mailto:schoolhouse@rgvqg.com). Please go to the web site for a list of classes and a list of supplies needed for each class.

If there are any classes that you would like to see in the future, please contact me, Karen Dill at [schoolhouse@rgvqg.com](mailto:schoolhouse@rgvqg.com).

## Community Service

Total Items.....502  
Total Hours.....2,009  
Total Value.....\$14,565.25

Donated to:

Knapp Med Ctr  
Renaissance NIC Unit  
Renaissance Pediatrics Oncology  
Thrivent Action Team for  
Comfort Quilts  
Mission Hospital  
Rainbow Room  
San Martin de Porres Church  
La Terra UMC  
Valley Baptist Hospital  
IBC Network Foundation  
Quilts Beyond Borders  
Paws of Tinley Park  
St. Vincent's  
Lower Valley Rainbow Room  
Cancer Ctr  
Silver Ribbon  
Mujeres Unidas

Donated by:

Lucy Klaas  
Trophy Gardens Bee  
Sew & Sew  
Honey Bees  
Dawn Sanders  
Karen Okerstrom  
Killer Bees  
Llano Grande Park  
Quilt Bee

Correction for 2015 yearend figures:

Total Items.....3481  
Total Hours.....14,139  
Total Value.....\$102,507.75

Now don't you all feel better! Thanks to Judy Swanda for bringing that to my attention. One of these months, you really will vote to fire me! See you all at the show!

# Miniature Quilts



First place - Jessie Vandenberg



Second Place Donna Williams



3rd Place - Lynne Benson



Honorable Mention - Judy Bassett and Judy Brown.



# Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild 2016 Quilt Show



**Best of Show**

"A Primitive Garden"  
by Nathalie Anderson



## 100 - Wall Hangings

1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "A Primitive Garden" by Nathalie Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "A View Thru the Window" by Terry Davis 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "Visions" by Lila Helm Honorable Mention

Bottom Right Top "Sewing Machine Periodic Table" by Judy Brown Bottom Right Bottom " Forest Galore!" Shelly Bryant



**200 – Crib**

1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "Baby's First Year" by Judy Bergman 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "Diamonds are Forever" by Terry Davis 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "Bonnet Babies" by Linda Gainforth & "Lucky" Meyer Honorable Mention Bottom Right "Bubble Baby Blanket" by Karen Knowlton



**300 - Lap**

1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "Two Fabric Bargello" by Terry Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "Heavenly Days" by Judy Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "Convex Illusions" by Terry Davis Honorable Mention Bottom Right "Perky" by Alannah Langlois



**400 - Twin**

1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "The Fish Quilt" by Jean Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "Anna's Whimsical Memories" by Anna Schwartz 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "Spinning Wheel of Fire" by Lynne Benson Honorable Mention Bottom Right "Bordered Diamonds" by Terry Davis



**500 - Full**

1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "Spring Bouquet" by Carolyn Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "Shadow City" by Marilyn Hearnberger 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "Stonehenge Smokey River" by Judy Brown Honorable Mention Bottom Right "Labyrinth Walk" by Sharen Trumpy.



600 - Queen

1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "Not Too Crazy 'Crazy Quilt'" by Jean Cline  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "Feathered Star" by Doris Priest  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "Sun Bonnet Sue and Overall Bill" by Linda Gainforth  
 Honorable Mention Bottom Right "Jess's Graduation Quilt" by Alice Gibson



700 - King

1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "Forever Flowers" by Jean Cline  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "Wedding Star" by Doris Pelz  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "The Homestead" by Jean Cline  
 Honorable Mention Bottom Right "Stained Glass Garden Stars" by Nancy Flaherty.



800 - Apparel/Personal Accessories

1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "Batik Jacket" by Shelley Bryant  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "Handbag" by Alice Gibson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "Winter Warmth" by Monica Meyers  
 Honorable Mention Bottom Right "Whispering Creek Jacket" by Susan Adams



900 - Home Decor

1<sup>st</sup> Left "Applied Table Topper" by Terry Davis  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Center "Spicy Spiral" by Connie Sullivan  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Right Top "Falling Leaves" by Carla Mewhinney  
 Honorable Mention Right Center "Garden Party" by Judy Blum  
 Right Bottom "Zen Table Runner" by Karen Dill.



1000 - Art

- 1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "Gus" by Adelyn Nichol
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "Reverse Appliqued Wonder" by Ellen Untz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "Parade of Elephants" by Nancy Bush
- Honorable Mention Bottom Right "Mystical Horses" by Alice Gibson



1100 - Military Service

- 1<sup>st</sup> Left "Star Spangled" by Carla Mewhinney
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Right Top "Veteran" by Nila Layman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Right Bottom "Americana Pinwheels" by Bonnie Hall



1200 - Challenge

- 1<sup>st</sup> Top Left "Maritime Tradition" by Karen Okerstrom
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Right "A Nation Challenged" by Sandi Carstensen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottom Left "My Heroes: The Firefighters/EMT's" by Lynne Benson
- Honorable Mention "My Buddy" by Jackie Heyes



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

## VOLUNTEER!

There are currently several openings that we need to fill. We need:

- a bee to make the opportunity quilt for 2018;
- a bee to make the opportunity quilt for 2019;
- a show chairperson for 2018:
- a show chairperson for 2019;
- committee members to help the Program Chair host our program speakers;
- Bee Keepers for both the upper and lower valley;
- people to join the 2017 show Board in various positions: and
- a person to become our facilities coordinator (meeting space is going to be problem this year).

Please think about helping make the guild better, stronger, and more focused on the future VOLUNTEER!

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