

Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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Presidents Piece

This month I want to focus on communication. In a large organization, like our guild, it can be challenging to keep everyone in the communication loop. We already have monthly meetings, a newsletter, a webpage, and a Facebook page. I'm not sure what to do to improve communication.

If our members choose not to read what is posted on the web, Facebook page, or newsletter, they will never really know what's happening. Your guild board meets once a month and you are welcome to attend those meetings. If there is something you think the board should address, you have options to bring your concern to the board. You can send me, or another board member, an email and tell us what you want added to our agenda; or you send me an email asking to address the board. Please include the topic in your email. Please do not come to a board meeting expecting to introduce a topic that's not on the agenda unless you have given advance notice of your topic. The board will be looking at the Guild's By-laws this summer. Please look them over and forward any suggested updates to us, but remember that some rules are legal requirements and cannot be changed. Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with what's happening while you are away for the summer. We post all kinds of information there, along with lots of pictures. Those of you who are afraid of using our Facebook page, because you don't want to reveal any personal information, we do everything we can to protect our members. You don't have to use your name, just tell Pat Skye what you want to be called on our page. We have a closed group, so nobody can see our posts except our members. You don't have to share any personal information to gain access to our page. All you have to do is ask Pat Skye to give you access.

Please consider utilizing one of our information resources, so you will know what your guild is doing.



Calendar

Board Meeting:

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

Quilt Show Committee:
meeting 9: am

Guild Meeting:

April 9, 2016 9:am
STC Weslaco

Program: see page 7

I will be doing a Double
Envelope Purse demo/sew
along.

Thanks Subie Redd

Board Meeting:

May 11, 2016 10:30 am
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting
School 1623 N Tower Rd,
Alamo TX

Quilt Show Committee:
meeting 9 am

Guild Meeting:

May 14, 2016 9:am
STC Weslaco

Program, noth-
ing scheduled at
this time.



RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, March, 2016

The meeting was called to order March 12th, 2016 at 9:03 am by Carla Mewhinney, President

The secretary minutes from the February meeting were adopted as posted in the Newsletter.

Karon Jacobson reports that there is \$36,594.78 in the checking account and that she had received a total of \$786.24 from Credit Card charges at the Quilt Show (balance after charges for use of card).

Carla introduced Judy Brown and Elaine Muzichuk as the new Bee Keepers for the upper and lower Valley and encouraged all the Bees to welcome them to their meetings. There is a plan in the works to feature a "Bee of the Month" in the newsletter shortly.

Evelyn Fincher introduced the 2016 Scholarship winners as selected by her committee.

Valeria Quiroga Leal from Sharyland High School and Nicole Castaneda from Robert Vela High School spoke briefly about their plans for the future in Fashion and Marketing.

Renee Darkis announced that there were 172 members present today with 3 guests and several new members. We have a total of 234 current members.

Renee also introduced the new Guild Logo, why it was chosen and what it stood for. Valerie Begeman from Mission/Rapid City, SD was the winner of the design and received a \$25 gift certificate for classes. Members were able to get their pins at break.

The Board voted to allow vendors of quilt related items to have one (1) 6' table to sell their items on at the General Meetings. There will be a charge of \$5 a table and they must be requested and prepaid one month in advance of the meeting. Due to the limited space available it will be a first come, first serve basis.

Janome has shown an interest in coming and making a presentation on their machines at the General Meeting. In return they will donate a sewing machine to be given away. The membership was polled as to whether or not they would like to have this presentation and it was approved. General information was that Janome was also considering a second presentation – two day workshop on the use of their embroidery machines – next winter.

Quinta Matzalan would like to have a Quilt Show in November 2016 in conjunction with the Butterfly event and would like the guild to participate. The guild is to send a letter saying that we will advertise their show in our newsletter if they, in return, will allow us to sell tickets on our Opportunity Quilt at the event. Members were invited to think about quilts to enter and hopefully, we will get more info at a later date.

Jan McCoy announced that the November program and classes would be by Sue Nickels on fusible appliqué. December will be Linda Halpin.

Barbara Kissler from Casa Del Sol on Val Verde Rd in Donna volunteered to chair the Friendship Day event in September and also that it would be held at her park.

Karen Dill has posted the classes for next fall/winter and sign up begins today. There was a show and tell of the items made in the no sew class held on March 3-4.

Sunshine and Shadows: Sharon DeGarimore's husband passed away, Carol Hover is recovering from surgery and Sharon Chapman remains in rehab..

Items for the newsletter are due to Jackie Heyes by the 15th.

Carla Mewhinney spoke with regard to communication within the guild and asked how many read the newsletter or went to the web site. She will have something in the newsletter for you to read and then e-mail the response to her. She will put all names in a drawing for a prize each month..... So read your newsletter.

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It was told to the members that the mini and wall hanging from the Opportunity Quilt were lost prior to the show and to date have not been found. Two miniatures from the Miniature section (that were of lighthouses) were given out in their place with the makers permission. She also advised that over the summer months the Board would be meeting to revise the By-Laws. If any member has suggestions on how they could be changed please send to Carla - President – address on web site.

Two Sew Days were held for Military Quilts this month, Trophy Gardens and Green Gate Grove.... A Big thank you to all who participated. Deb Blackbourn, Mary Jo Havertape and Bonnie Cassidy are working on criteria as to who will qualify for a quilt. Donations of fabric greatly appreciated.

The quilt made and hung in Padre Rita Grill on Padre Island brought in \$486.00

Karen Heaney has everything all set for retreat. There are a couple of openings for this week if anyone wants to attend. If you have not turned in your Emergency Information, please be sure to bring to Retreat and give to Karen. The Cotton Boll will be at retreat the first day of both from 3 pm to 6 pm for any items you may have forgotten or need.

Be sure to bring extension chords. St. Patrick's Day is the 17th, wear your green.

A new program is in the works to involve the youth in the Valley, Deb Blackbourn and Florea Flores are going to co-ordinate this with Texas Agr Life and 4H. More on this as it progresses;

Donna Lovdahl won last months blocks and returned with a completed quilt and receives a gift certificate for \$25 good for a class with the guild. Today's blocks were won by Jo Corey. Next months block will be by June 3rd in the Calendar called Bird Tracks. Please use a white background with a bright floral and 2 coordinating colors.

The 2016 Quilt Show was a great success. Deb thanked all who participated as volunteers, chairs etc. A profit of 21,031.94 was made and a check in the amount of \$20,245.70 was given to the guild.

A Chair is needed for the 2018 show and also a quilt.

K. Jacobson, Chair of the 2017 Show announced that the theme of the show would be

“Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, A Salute to the Beatles”. It is the 50th Anniversary of Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band. The Challenge Quilt will be to make a quilt depicting a song of the Beatles.

The 35th RGVQG Quilt Show will be held on January 27th & 28th, a Friday and Saturday.

No dates were available in February and the March date conflicted with the Dallas Quilt Show which most vendors attend. The Quilt Show Board and the Guild Board voted to have all shows the last Friday of January. Everyone is encouraged to register their quilts by mail, or e-mail as all items will need to be registered by the 1st of January.

Karon then announced that Jan Baethke and the Killer Bees had made the Opportunity Quilt for the show and it was shown to the members. Tickets will be available next meeting.

Meeting adjourned, respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.



We now have beekeepers for the upper and lower Valley, Judy Brown and Elaine Muzichuk “Welcome”!! There is going to be a new feature in the newsletter called “Bee of the Month”. Not all our members belong to a Bee and that is just fine.

An introduction to **Bee of the Month** I would like to ask with what is a Bee?

1. Technically, in order to start up a bee you need five members of the guild in good standing.

2. What do Bees do for the Guild?

- a. Bees are good will ambassadors to the Rio Grande Valley Communities.
- b. Many of our Bees help the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild keep the standing of a nonprofit organization by the donations they give throughout the communities.
- c. They donate knitted cancer hats and pads to protect chemo ports from car seatsbelts. Some Bees make fidget quilts for the mentally challenged, some make wheelchair quilts and bags that can hang on wheelchairs and walkers for the physically impaired. Some bees make baby blankets and soft stuffed toys and give them to fire departments, police departments so they can give them out to a child in trauma. We make small knitted caps for newborn babies and take them to hospitals. All children love to receive a blanket or a teddy bear when they have to go to the hospital.
- d. And of course we can't forget the hard-working bees that make and distribute our Military Quilts. So many of our wounded who are recovering at the VA here in the valley have received quilts.
- e. Also we have taken quilts to Fort Hood and they are greatly appreciated.
- f. Bees are small group's of women who get together to share ideas, to help and inspire each other and most of all have **FUN**. Thank you all for the good work you do.

3. What does the Guild do for the Bees?

- a. We have a great board of administrators in our guild that try very hard to see that our members receive the best possible quilt show, and professional instructors and that our meetings are informative and efficient. And all the wonderful volunteers that make up this Guild and keep it running smoothly.
- b. Through the winter months while the winter Texans are in the Valley, the guild gets professional certified teachers on quilting and other needle arts during our meetings, held once a month. These teachers give classes to our members to teach their expert techniques.
- c. During our meetings we have “fat quarter draw” one dollar gets four chances on 4 fat quarters in a bundle (1 yard of fabric) There are usually 8 or more bundles to be drawn. Then “the block of the month”, from a perpetual quilt block calendar. A calendar day is chosen to make the block, a drawing is held to give all of the participants a chance at winning all the blocks. When the finished article is brought back a \$25 gift certificate for one of the Guild classes is given. And the scholarships!!! And so much more I can't list them all!

See you all soon, Jackie Heyes

RGVQG Membership

We now have 283 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 since the newsletter.

Welcome New Members – Ron Bergquist, Graciela H Carpentier, Donna Saenz, Connie Wark.

Welcome back returning members – Theresa Lindal, Rose E Sterling.

Welcome back renewing members – Angie Arguello, Sondra Bagot, Aggie Moore.

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 online directory.

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

Block of the Month



Block of the Month for April 2016
JUNE 3RD, "bird tracks"
Colors: Background - White
Points - Floral (spring colors)
Other colors: Pick to matching colors from your floral print to incorporate into the block.
(See sample for details)



Treasurer's Report

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BOAIANCE RORWARU		\$ 35,683.49
INCOME		INCOME FEBRUARY 2016
ADMINISTRATION		
COMMUNITY SERVICE		
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS (FONS & PORTER)		
FAT QUARTER RAFFLE		618
GUESTS & FINES		
LIBRARY		
MEMBERSHIP		775
MILITARY SERVICE		
NEWSLETTER		
OTHER INCOME - CHECKS NOT CASHED (LOST)		
PROGRAMS		181
QUILT SHOW		786.24
QUILTER'S SCHOOL FLOUSE		180
FRIENDSHIP STAR RETREAT #1 2016		2780
RETREAT CANCELLATIONS (REFUNDS)		-600
BLUEBONNET RETREAT #2 2016		1870
RETREAT 2017		
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 6,590.24
EXPENSES		
ADMINISTRATION, GIFT CERTIFICATE		-161.59
BANK SERVICE CHARGE - CHECKS, BANK FEES, CREDIT CARD FEES		31.68
BIZ UTILITIES - STORAGE, BUILDING USE, PO BOX, WEB		2649.08
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS		
FAT QUARTER RAFFLE		114.04
FRIENDSHIP DAY		
GUESTS & FINES		
LIBRARY		118.81
MEMBERSHIP		
MILITARY SERVICE		136.3
NEWSLETTER		
PROFESSIONAL FEES - LEGAL, ACCOUNTANT, BOND INSURANCE		
PROGRAMS, (BLDG USE RENT)		2640.63
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		\$ 5,678.95
ACCOUNT BALANCE FORWARD		\$ 36,594.78

Programs

April 9, 2016 Meeting Program

Hi, I'm Subie Redd, in April I will attempt to challenge your creativity. We will be making a double envelope purse! If you want to just watch the process, I will be providing a written instruction sheet for you (so you can make notes that make sense to you), as a teacher I find that not all instructions make things clear to everyone. If want to sewing along with me , you will need a sewing machine (two or three could possibly share a machine-there is not a lot of sewing). That said now for your home-work..... a finished 18 inch square will be needed...by finished I mean a front piece, a back (lining) piece and a batting (such as warm and natural) quilted together and bound. Also one package of Double Fold Quilt Binding(this is enough for at least two purses) for the strap. Two buttons, I will provide a closure item for you. A needle and thread to match your front piece. This is a fairly easy project, but I have made a couple of purses with a twist....so we will have fun exploring possibilities. I have done many demos in my life but nothing to a large group like this I look forward to the challenge. See Ya! At the meeting.

Subie Redd, and of course my side-kick Rick will be helping me.

Community Service

Community Service Report for March 2016

Total Items.....1,161
Total Hours.....4,457
Total Value.....\$32,313.25

Donated to:

Palm Valley Animal Center
RGSC Citizens Volunteer Council
Weslaco Rainbow Room
America Cancer Society
Renaissance Peds Oncology
Renaissance Neo Natal Unit
Lower Valley Rainbow Room
Catholic Charities
Mid Valley Weslaco Dialysis
Humanitarian Respite Center –
Rice & Beans
Valley Baptist Hospital – Children and Adult
Abuse Response Team
Mujeres Unidas

Donated by:

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Bee News



Winter Haven Border Quilters held their annual quilt show on Saturday, March 5 in Brownsville. Just before the tear down of the show, some of the members gathered for a picture.

Winter Haven Border Quilters is the newest bee, but submitted 54 entries to the RGVQG Quilt Show last month and received 12 ribbons. The group meets every Tuesday morning mainly from October through April. Some summer sessions are also held.

A few of the group projects this year included string quilts, “Triangle Frenzy” table runners, border diamond quilts, and charm pack tote bags. Several events are held during the year to raise funds for the baby quilt project. This year 336 baby quilts were donated to area hospitals, women’s centers and other related charities.

Since November, 14 of our members have joined RGVQG and have been very pleased with the programs and friendliness of the members.

Judy Brown , Lower Valley Beekeeper

Guild Honors Student "Fashionistas"

Valeria Quiroga Leal and Nicole Castaneda each received a scholarship award letter for \$2,000 at the March 12, 2016 meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild.

Leal, a senior at Sharyland High School in Edinburg and Castaneda, a senior at Robert Vela High School, Edinburg, were chosen from eight scholarship applicants.

The criteria for scholarship selection is based on printed Guild guidelines and state that the applicant must be a graduating senior and plan to attend college and major or minor in "the arts related to textiles,

including fashion, designing, pattern making, study of materials, dyes, color, and other textile-related studies". Other considerations are extracurricular activities and grade point average.

Letters were mailed by Evelyn Fincher, High School/College Scholarship Committee Chairman, to Rio Grande Valley high school counselors and art departments. Other members of the committee are Donna Brown and Judy Bassett. Final selection approval is made by the RGVQG Executive Board.

Fincher introduced Leal and Castaneda and the students introduced their guests. Both students and parents expressed their appreciation to the Guild members for the scholarship opportunity and spoke briefly of their college and career plans. Both students are taking college classes while attending high school.

Leal's guests were Patricia Leal, her mother, and Ovidio Cavazos. Leal plans to attend the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg. She expressed a desire to continue her studies in fashion design and marketing. Leal shared her portfolio of designs with many of the members. She told Fincher she might submit an entry to the 2017 RGVQG Quilt Show in January and she definitely "wants to volunteer."

Castaneda introduced her mother, Ida Castaneda, and then shared her plan to attend Texas State University, San Marcos, where she will continue her studies in fashion merchandising and marketing. She stated she would like to move to the east or west coasts "where fashion trends begin." Castaneda expressed her desire to learn more through sewing or quilting classes.

Both young women were impressed with the "art" and creativity they saw in the Guild members displays.

Fincher presented award letters to the students and explained the procedure for receipt of the award checks. A RGVQG representative will present certificates to the scholarship winners at their respective high school awards assemblies in May.

Look out, fashion world, the members of the RGVQG are sending you two of the Valley's most promising "Fashionistas".

Evelyn Fincher, College Scholarship



35th Annual Quilt Show Announcement

Fifty years ago in June 1967 Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band was released changing music forever. The Beatles themselves changed the entire music landscape. The reason Sgt. Pepper is regarded so highly is because it was so innovative at the time. No one had ever spent so much time and money on one album; it rewrote the rule book on cover art and production. It was also the first attempt at a concept album. To acknowledge and honor the music of our youth; the theme of the 2017 Quilt Show is Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow - A Salute to the Beatles.

The challenge quilt is "Inspired by the Beatles." The maximum challenge size is 144 inches perimeter (3 feet by 3 feet). The label must include the quilter's name and the song or inspiration for the quilt.

For example: Yellow Submarine; All You Need Is Love; Strawberry Fields; Beautiful Dreamer; Devil In Her Heart; Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds; Octopus Garden; Honey Don't; In My Life; Magical Mystery Tour; Sgt. Pepper; and Sweet Little 16 are some songs. Inspiration could be Abby Road (the one where the Beatles are walking across the road); the fab four's guitars and drum; their hair or records and music notes. You can Google Beatle songs for ideas. You are limited only by your imagination.

So, the 35th Annual Quilt Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28, 2017 at South Padre Island Convention Center.

I realize this is three weeks earlier than we normally hold the show. But our traditional dates in February were not available next year or any of the next 3 years at the Convention Center and the March dates available conflicted with the Dallas quilt show. Additionally, there are no other locations in the Valley that are affordable or large enough. Therefore, the Show Board and Guild Board have voted unanimously to permanently move the show dates beginning on the last Friday of January. This may have some years starting in January and ending in February.

To facilitate quilt registrations we will be taking registrations by mail and online. Complete the registration form, attach a photo of the quilt and mail it to the Registration Chair. Lila Helm has volunteered to be the chair.

We have also added a Youth Category. The category will include wearable, housewares, and quilts. Deb Blackburn and Florea Flores will co-chair this new category. They will be contacting schools, 4-H, scouts, etc. to get entries. There will be more information on that category in the future.

Jan Baethke and the Killer Bees have donated the Opportunity Quilt for 2017.

Tickets will be available at the April guild meeting.

Looking forward to an exciting year and a great show!

Karon

Karon Jacobson

2017 Show Chair



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

Send It In To Win

If you are reading this newsletter, please send me an email (please use the "president1@rgvqg.com" address) that says, "Great newsletter, Jackie!". Be sure to include your name. I will put your name in a drawing for a \$10 certificate to use for a guild class. We will draw the name at the April guild meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

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