

# Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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## Presidents Piece

Do you ever read the classified ads for “help wanted”? I’ve been thinking about what to put in my ad.



“RGVQG WANTS YOU! We are looking for a motivated, team leader to spearhead the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild quilt show for 2018. No experience needed. We will provide on-the-job training and mentoring. Must be willing to make new friends, have a good time, and work with your friends to bring your vision of a wonderful quilt show to life. Hours are flexible. You do not need to be a full-time resident of the RGV to be successful in this position. We need to fill this position immediately! If you want more information, please contact by email or phone. I’ll be happy to answer your questions and tell you more about the job. Without a show chairman, we will not have a quilt show in 2018!”

I’m really becoming worried that no one will step forward and take the job. Our guild relies on the income from our quilt show to provide the money needed to support our projects, provide the excellent programs we all are accustomed to, and provide the facilities for our meetings and classes. Please give this some serious thought and help keep our guild the dynamic organization we all enjoy.

## FYI

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](http://www.rgvqg.com)) for information on future meetings and classes. The map is in color, and may take some time to download.

Thank you

## Calendar

### Board Meeting:

July 6, 2016 9:am  
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting  
School (see p. 2 for info)

### Guild Meeting:

July 9, 2016 9:am  
Llano Grande Event Center  
(see p. 2 for info)

**Program:** Christy Pohler

### Board Meeting:

August 10, 2016 9:am  
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting  
School (see p. 2 for info)

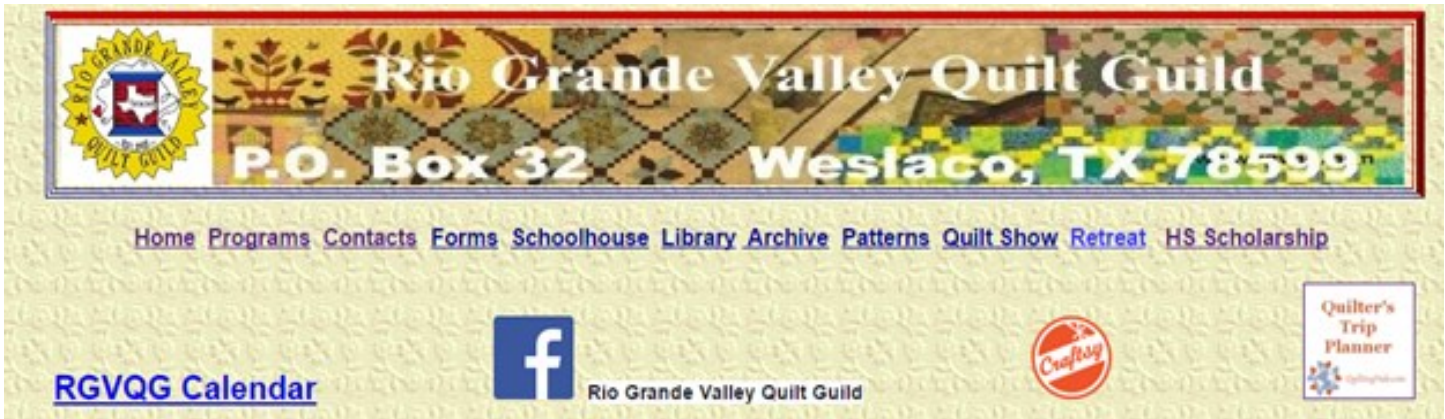
### Guild Meeting:

August 13, 2016 9:am  
Llano Grande Event Center  
(see p. 2 for info)

**Program:** Jan McCoy



# Up-Dated Front Page



Some exciting new stuff on the home page.

**RGVQG Calendar** – has information for board meetings, guild meetings, schoolhouse classes, program classes, quilt show related dates.

**Facebook** – click on the Facebook icon to go to the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild facebook page.

**Craftsy** – Our guild is now an affiliate of Craftsy. Our guild will receive a percentage of the cost of any Craftsy classes you buy if you click on the Craftsy icon on the rgvqg.com home page. You must use this page and icon for our guild to receive any funds. Going the Craftsy website by any other means will not give our guild credit for the purchase.

**Quilter's Trip Planner** – Click this icon to go the quiltinghub.com trip planner. This is a nifty little tool to find all the quilt shops in an area or along your route. The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild info is also available on quiltinghub.com

Any questions, please call me.

Bonnie M Hall (webmaster1@rgvqg.com) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

## RGV Quilt Guild Summer Meetings

Beginning with the month of May the RGV Quilt Guild meetings will be held at the “Llano Grande Event Center” located on Mile 2 W. Road South in Mercedes. This is approx. one mile south of Business 83 on the right had side of road.

All board meetings are at “Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School” located at 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX  
**No** Quilt Show Committee meetings for summer months

# RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, June 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by Carla Mewhinney, President.

**Secretary Report:** There being no additions or changes to the May 2016 General Meeting Minutes, they were adopted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karon Jacobson reports that there is \$37,686.62 in the checking account. She presented two scholarships last week, one at Sharyland High School and one in Edinburg. Please, if you have a check from the guild that you have not cashed, do so before the end of the month as she has to do a six month audit.

**Programs:** Today's speaker is Laura Nunn doing a demo on the Ruffle Bag. All future programs are listed on the web site to include the classes being taught. Sign up sheets are available today or you may do so through the web site.

**Schoolhouse:** Classes begin in November and are listed on the web site.

**Hostess:** There are 48 members present with 6 guests (one who became a member today).

**Newsletter:** News is due the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Library:** Vicki Guerra reports that there a lot of books that have not been turned in. Please check your homes for books you may have forgotten you signed out. Older books will be offered for sale at the garage sale in October.

**Quilt Show:** Karon Jacobson will have an article in this newsletter containing all pertinent information but most important at this time is that we have a Volunteer Chair for the show: Thank you Karen Hazlett. We continue to need a Show Chair for 2018.

**Block of Month:** Bonnie Cassidy is the only one who turned in this block and therefore the winner... next month's block is any red, white and blue unfinished 12 ½" block. All blocks will be given to the Military Quilts project to be made into quilts.

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**Military Service:** Bonnie Cassidy reported on a Vietnam Veteran who was given a quilt while in hospital recently. Only he and his wife were present at the time but were overcome with tears and the fact that someone would give him a quilt and they were very thankful. He had his wife spread it out over him on his bed. His wife called not long after to say he had passed away and to once again thank for this gesture.

**Sunshine & Shadows:** Carla Mewhinney's brother-in-law passed, Karon Jacobson's sister-in-law passed and several members are or have had surgeries. Our prayers go out to all.

Carla asked the General Membership if they would like to have Martelli come back and do another demo of their product this winter and the consensus was yes. She also mentioned that Quinta Mazatalan is having a program on November 12<sup>th</sup> and that they would like to have quilts representing butterflies to hang during the presentation. More info is to be sought regarding this.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

## "Dolphin Duds"

Quilted Jackets for the Dolphins

Yes that's right, dolphins. As an advertising gimmick we are going to make "Dolphin Duds", quilted jackets for the dolphin statues in Port Isabel. I need 3 more dud makers. So the 1st three to give me an email will get the chance to be in on this project.

There are 16 statues around town. We want them to be bold, high contrast duds. You know on a galloping horse at thirty miles an hour you have to get attention quickly. The duds are easy construction. I will supply the foundation pattern, you supply the creative wild duds.

Email me right away, [reneedarkis@hotmail.com](mailto:reneedarkis@hotmail.com)

Renee

# Finance Report

Income and Expeditures RGVQG Checking Account	
MAY 2016	
Balance Forward	\$ 39,905.65
<b>INCOME</b>	
	<b>Income May 2016</b>
Administration	
Community Service	
Dues & Subscriptions (Fons & Porter)	
Fat Quarter Raffle	144
Guests & Fines	43
Library	
Membership	125
Military Service	
Newsletter	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs	1197.07
Quilt Show (50% of storage unit rental)	
Quilter's School Flouse	30
Retreat #1 2016	
Retreat cancellations (refunds)	
Retreat #2 2016	
Retreat 2017	
Total Income	\$ 1,539.07
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration, Gift Certificate	1349.21
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	11
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	
Dues & Subscriptions	
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	147.89
Membership	
Military Service	
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Bond Insurance	
Programs, (Bldg use rent)	250
Quilter's School Flouse (bldg use rent)	
Retreat #1 2016	
Retreat #2 2016	
Retreat 2017	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	2000
Sunshine & Shadows	
Total Expenses	\$ 3,758.10
Account Balance Forward	\$ 37,686.62

## 2017 Quilt Show – January 27-28



By Karon Jacobson

Great news! We have three hotels that are hosting us with super rates. La Quinta, La Copa, and The Inn at South Padre. All three have rates of less than \$70 per night (not including taxes) with breakfast included. Just say you're with the RGV Quilt Show. We've contracted for a limited number of rooms at each hotel, but have the option of increasing that number if necessary. We've already doubled the number of rooms at La Quinta. So if you call and are told there are no more rooms available in the block we've reserved, give me a call and I will arrange to have more rooms opened up. Telephone numbers are listed on the RGVQG.com webpage under Quilt Show.

The Quilted Gallery is not happening this year. But we are allowing sales of hanging quilts, etc. If you have a quilt or quilted item you want to sell, complete the show registration form. Once you have received your exhibit number, complete the Display Quilt Sales Registration form. Both forms are on our webpage.

Are you having trouble deciding what theme for your Challenge Quilt? I have a few more suggestions. How about:

- Rocky Raccoon
- And Your Bird Can Sing
- Can't Buy Me Love
- Cry For a Shadow
- I've Just Seen a Face
- Matchbox
- Norwegian Wood

I'm working on the design of a pin for the show. I think you'll like it as it goes with our theme.

A Volunteer Chair has been found! Karen Hazlett has stepped up to this vital position. Now we will need volunteers. Without additional volunteers the show will not be successful and if it's not successful then the guild doesn't make any money, as the show is our major source of income. Without that income, we can't afford the quality of instructors we have in our programs; no money for scholarships; or renting the buildings we use for meetings and classes. Yes, we have a plump checkbook at the moment, but half of that money came from this year's show. So, you see how important the volunteers' jobs are.

Karen will have volunteer sign-up sheets beginning in July. All positions are 3 hours and volunteers will get reduced entry tickets.

Admission tickets are now available. They are \$10 per day; \$15 for both days; and \$5 per day for kids. Volunteer tickets are \$5 per day, but may not be purchased in advance.

Until next month, happy quilting!

# We have a volunteer chair

We have a volunteer chair!!! Thanks Karen Hazlett for stepping up.

We need to know how many volunteers you think you will need each day. The volunteers will work a 3 hour shift.

Here's what is needed:

1. Area you need volunteer - i.e. quilt hanging
2. Number of volunteers for each shift
3. Time you want your volunteers to start
4. Time you want your volunteers to stop

Don't forget about lunch coverage

This is the first time Karen and I have done this, so KISS - Keep it Simple & Short

If I've forgotten something, please let me know so we can incorporate it.

Need this info ASAP as we'd like to start sign ups at the July guild meeting.

Karon

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