

Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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Presidents Piece

The quilt show is coming get up fast and it has made me think some about whether to sell a quilt. Any of you are welcome to sell a quilt, or other handmade item at our show. The question becomes “how much should I charge?”. I have given this some thought and done some research on this topic and I am concerned that we (as skilled quilters/artists) undervalue our work.

We spend hours of time finding the “right” pattern, the “perfect” fabric, making the quilt, and adding our own personal touches to it. How many hours did you spend on your quilt? I’ll bet it was more than 8 or 10. Don’t you think your skill and experience are worth more than the minimum wage that McDonald’s pays kids to flip hamburgers? You pay other skilled workers, like plumbers, for their expertise at \$40+ per hour.

How much did you spend on materials? Not just fabric. How about thread, batting, needles, rotary blades, and even your sewing machine? All of those costs need to be considered. If you don’t have receipts for your materials, estimate them, but not at \$5 per yard. Use the current cost for quilting materials, about \$10 - \$12 per yard. Even if you bought the fabric long ago, or on sale, or got it as gift, or used scraps from your stash. You would still have to pay the current price to replace the materials you used.

Should you make any profit? That’s up to you, but I think that a 10% – 20% profit isn’t out of line. Other businesses make a profit, why shouldn’t you.

If you have been adding up all these costs, you are probably amazed by how much a handmade quilt should cost and you are probably thinking that no one will pay that much. Remember, you are selling a one-of-a-kind, custom, handmade item (think Niemen Marcus, not Walmart!). Please don’t undervalue your work. That hurts all of us! If we don’t think our work is valuable, why should anyone else?

If you are interested in more thoughts on this subject, just type in “how much to charge for making a quilt ” in the search line on Google or one of the other Internet search engines and you will find many articles that discuss this in much more detail.

See you at the show!





Board Meeting:
January 11, 2017 9:am
Quilt Show Committees
1 pm Board meeting
board meetings are at
Renee's

Guild Meeting:
January 14, 2017 9:am
Mary Hoge Middle School
2302 S International Blvd,
Weslaco, TX 78596
Program: Nova Montgomery

Friday, January 13, 2017
Class - Singer Featherweight

Maintenance

All classes are at "Renee's"

Board Meeting:
February 8, 2017 9:am
Quilt Show Committees,
1 pm Board meeting

Program Reeze L Hanson
Saturday, February 11,
2017

Inspiration is in the Air

2017 Guild Meeting Location

See webpage for
further info

For all who travel this time of year



RGVQG General Meeting - December 10th, 2016

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

Secretary's Report: There being no additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes they were adopted as posted in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: There is a balance of \$2,654.63 in the checking account. This balance is after giving re-funds for the November classes which were cancelled. If anyone has a check from the guild that has not been cashed, they are asked to do this before the end of December.

Membership Report: Today we have 8 new members and one returning member.

There is a directory list of members on the web site.

Hostess: 145 members present today with 6 guests.

Community Service: Rick Redd was introduced as the incoming Community Service/2nd Vice President.

Program Chair, Jan McCoy advised that Nova Montgomery's class is full and that she has a waiting list. All classes are posted on the web site and she encourages enrollment.

She also thanked everyone for supporting her during her time as Program Chair.

Judy Brown has created a survey to be given out next month on determining what Instructors/classes the members are most interested in.

Schoolhouse Classes: See the web site for class listings and remember the cost is only \$10 for these classes.

Renee Darkis will be doing the December class, painting on fabric.

Sunshine & Shadows: Jackie Heyes husband and son-in-law have passed away. Pat Brothers has been in hospital.

Newsletter: All articles are due the 15th to Jackie Heyes. All the Bees are encouraged to send news from their groups.

Military Service Quilts: Deborah Blackburn introduced Laura Nunn as her co-chair.

During Market Days on SPI they rec'd 10 nominations for persons qualified for quilts and an invitation to present a quilt during a Vipers Game in January.

Youth Education: During the summer Florea Flores, along with other members and volunteers had a sewing session with several girls and boys in Edinburg where they made quilts, totes and pillow cases. All these students are being encouraged to enter their quilts in the show on SPI.

Recently several more made Christmas Stockings. There will be another class next week. They are in need of fabric and all donations are appreciated.

Retreat: Karen Heaney reports that both retreats are full but that she is taking names for a waiting list. Please pay asap for the retreat.

Library: Vicki Guerra reports that she has several new books and that all books are posted on the web site. If you see a book on the list or want a specific book send her an e-mail and she will bring (if possible) to the next meeting.

Block of Month: Lynn Benson brought back a large table runner made from the blocks she won last month and will get a gift certificate. The winner of the blocks this month is Karen Knowlton. Next month's block is April 2nd, Birds in Corner and is a 6 ½" block to be done in your choice of color.

Dolphin Duds: Renee Darkis introduced Linda Haderer who was one of the original painters of the Dolphins in Port Isabel. She showed several completed duds and announced that they would be placed on the Dolphins on January 2nd with a party for those who made them to be held on the 3rd at Pirates Landing.

Carla announced that we need Volunteers to work Market Days January 7th, 2017.

There is a new Quilt Shop in RGV, "A Block Away" will open on the 12th in McAllen. They will also do machine repairs and scissor sharpening.

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Quilt Show: To be held January 27th & 28th, 2017.

Need quilts registered please.

Volunteers needed for the show and to help with set-up-take down.

Remember volunteers get a reduced rate to attend the show.

An Opportunity Quilt has been donated for the 2018 show. Many

Thanks to those who offered a quilt.

A Show Chair for 2018 is still needed.

Hand made items and door prizes are needed for the Boutique

25 Vendors are currently signed up for the show

Pat Skye continues to take miniatures for the Silent Auction.

All Challenge Quilts must be entered in the show.

A Fashion Show will once again be held.

To get a discount at the hotels you must reserve in next week.

Carla Mewhinney announced that next months meeting will be held at Mary Hoag School on north 1015, between Mile 8 and 9.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

The word "Retreat" is written in a colorful, stylized font. Each letter is a different color: 'R' is pink, 'e' is orange, 't' is yellow, 'r' is green, 'e' is blue, and 'a' is purple. The letters have a slight 3D effect with a shadow.

A few quick reminders:

Friendship Star retreat must be paid in full by the January, 2017 guild meeting. Last day for a full refund is February 21, 2017.

Bluebonnet Friends retreat must be paid in full by the February, 2017 guild meeting. Last day to get a full refund is February 28, 2017.

Payments can be mailed to me. Gather up all your roomies' checks and put them in the same envelope. My Texas address is in the directory. This will save you from standing in line at the Retreat Table to pay. I will not be at the January, 2017 meeting. Darlene Meadows, Judy Antonovich and Kris Driscoll will be taking your payments on that day. It would really help them if you send your payments to me directly. Please make your. Hacks out to me.

The quilt shop list will be on the web I time forgot to plan your trip accordingly.

Until next time,
Karyn Heaney

membership

I am now accepting membership dues for 2017. I only need a membership form if you are a new member, a returning member or a renewing member whose information (address phone email) has changed. The membership form is available on the forms page of our website, rgvqg.com. Please fill out the form online, then print and bring with you.

Renewing members without changes do NOT need to fill out the membership form.

We now have 327 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 last newsletter.

Welcome New Members – Ladislada(Lala) Cherington, Susanne Deg, Carol George, Julia Hanley, Diane Lowell, Jan Markham, Joyce Sauter, Esther Schmidt, Debbie Williams.

Welcome back returning members – Pat Culp, Phyllis Kabay, Annette Sweet.

Welcome back renewing members – Sondra Bagot, Judy Bassett, Barb Bergquist, Ron Bergquist, Linda Bluem, Judy Blum, Aly Bradley, Mary Britton, Diane Brodin, Judy Brown, Bonnie Cassidy, Linda Doerschug, Kathleen Kay Dombi, Betty Fiser, Bev Fleming, Florea Flores, Val Forsyth, Mary Lou Garza, Carolyn Gottfried, Sandy Gurney, Mauverdyne Hambleton, Karen Hazlett, Karyn Heaney, Marilyn Hearnberger, Janice Henderson, Jackie Heyes, Barbara Hill, Carol Hover, Nancy Hutchins, Lynne Johnson, Maria King, Sally Kosmider, Nila Layman, Marjorie Lehman, Millie Leonard, Jan McCoy, Marilyn McIndoo, Darlene Meadows, Cindy Michael, Hallye Ray Moodt, Marty Morrison, Lois Mundell, Monica Myers, Laura Nunn, Sonia Orluske, Helen Ortlieb, Ginnie Ouellette, Nancy Plantz, Dorothy Pomerson, Richard (Rick) Redd, Susan (Subie) Redd, Cassino Richardson, Jackie Ridlon, Katherine Rose, Jane Ross, Alice Schroeder, Patsy Schumacher, Dale Shafer, Judy Shelton, Sheila Sivill, Stella H Snider, Darlene Talbott, Kathryn Towell, Sue Van Wagner, Jessie Vandenberg, Diana Wolf, 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 online directory.

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



Alligator page –

You can get to the alligator page by entering rgvqg.com/alligator. The alligator page contains links to the current newsletters, directory, retreat info, Guild Board meeting minutes, Bee Info, past newsletters and directories and last the Ad policy for our guild.

Scroll down right – as you scroll down the page, on the right, you will see links to the current and most recent past directory. The most current directory is updated whenever I receive changes, e.g. address, phone, email, etc. The Directory is password protected. If you don't remember the magic word, please contact me at bonniemhall@rgvqg.com or call/text 740-398-1629.

Keep scrolling. You will see info about our two retreats, a link to past newsletters and past directories, and a link to the guilds Ad Policy.

Scroll down left – as you scroll down the page, on the left, you will see links to the current year newsletters.

Keep scrolling. You will see a link to the guild Board Meeting Minutes.

Keep scrolling. There is a link to the guilds By-laws and just below the by-laws is a link to Bee Information.

This is just a small bit of what's available on our website, rgvqg.com. Watch for more info in next month's newsletter.

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Bee News



The Killer Bees quilting bee is off and running for the winter! We had a wonderful time with a full house for our retreat in November at The Retreat House in Rockport followed by our Fall Luncheon/Pot Luck. The first two meetings in December the Sampler was started with block #1 & #2, and the next week there was a class to make those infamous Cell Phone Cases that went like Hot Cakes at the last RGVQG Quilt Show. By the time this newsletter is posted we will have had another class making a Large Tote from a Jelly Roll, and a demo of two more Sampler Blocks.

We have January 5th scheduled for Quilt Registration for the Guild's Quilt Show. Here are directions for anyone in the Harlingen area to come and get their items registered. Sunshine Country Club Estates, Retzlaff Hall, 1957 W. Michigan Dr., Harlingen. Going north on Expressway 77 (towards Combes from Harlingen) exit at Exit 29B, at the stop sign go left on the frontage road to the first street which is Texas. Going right will bring you into The Estates. At the "Y" go left onto Minnesota and then take a right onto Michigan Drive. Stay left on Michigan and Retzlaff Hall will be on your right. You may have to park all the way around by the tennis courts as we have a very large membership at our meetings. Registration is from 9AM to Noon

Save This Date....February 24th....The Killer Bees is having our bi-annual quilt show. More details coming in the next newsletter!

MISSION BEE

We have had our Christmas party and Gift Exchange, this is an annual event enjoyed by all. There was a good turnout and nearly everyone came for the Potluck Served Food. Needless to say there was more food than we could eat although we tried, A few got some stitches in on various projects.

We plan to continue meeting at UVAL and will be joining them as full fledged members, maybe we will want to go to some of the Art or painting classes.

And, after the Guild Garage Sale we managed to clear the rest of the merchandise out of our storage room, most was donated-of course there is more that goes in there right away.

We wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and Happy Stitchin'!

Michaela Shyne-Kalsow

We Need Your Feedback!!

Knowing your interests are very important for planning both speakers and programs and schoolhouse classes. We would appreciate it if you would please complete our short survey located at <https://goo.gl/forms/j7c5jvNbuOEKeACB3>.

Names will be drawn from completed surveys for door prizes at the January meeting.

Thank you

THE HARLINGEN ARTS & HERITAGE MUSEUM
THE RGV MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
PROUDLY PRESENT
NEW QUILTS FROM AN OLD FAVORITE 2016

New York Beauty



18 Finalists' Quilts will be exhibited
1st Place Winner by Sue Turnquist of Tifton, GA.
Do These Stripes Make My Butt Look Big?
Photograph Courtesy of the National Quilt Museum, Paducah, Kentucky

January 18 - February 21, 2017

GALLERY TALKS on FRIDAYS in FEBRUARY
Feb. 3, 10, & 17, 2017, 11 A.M. (RSVP Not Required)



Harlingen Arts
& Heritage Museum
(956) 216-4901

This exhibition is provided by the
National Quilt Museum with support by
MODA Fabrics & Janome America, Inc.



For more information about the things mentioned in the newsletter that you may have a question about, look on our web page, rgvqg.com or rgvqg.com/alligator

Two bee visits took place in December by Judy Brown, the Lower Valley Bee Keeper. One to Winter Haven Border Quilters and the other to Llano Grande Quilting Bee. **Winter Haven Border Quilters** have been making Stitch 'n Fold Wreaths and are getting ready for their baby quilt day in January where they generally complete over 300 baby quilts for charity. They just completed a pie sale of over 90 pies, the proceeds of which go to support the baby quilt project. The group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 9:00. Starting in January the group plans to make One Block Wonder quilts. They are also planning a luncheon and fashion show in February and will have their annual quilt show on March 4.



Llano Grande Quilting Bee is a very large group that meets Monday mornings at 8:30. They have a sewing room for which they just purchased new sewing tables and comfortable chairs. In addition, they have a very large long arm for the use of members.

Not only is this a large group, it is well organized and very busy. They are preparing for their quilt show on Tuesday, January 31 from 9:00 – 3:00. Members will be at the January RGVQG meeting with their beautiful opportunity quilt pictured to the right (back side above and front below).

Discussions were held on their recent and future retreats in Rockport, a planned quilt shop bus trip to Corpus Christi, a cotton gin tour, and various classes and sew days.

During their show a tell, there was a reveal of their "12 days of Christmas" mystery quilts. For twelve days, there was a new daily email pattern update at 6 AM. Thirty-nine members participated. The results are pictured below.



Questions were answered and feedback to improve RGVQG was sought. Door prizes were awarded at both groups. If your bee is open to a visit by one of the Bee Keepers, please email beekeeper@rgvqg.com with potential dates.

Quilt Shop News

As many of you may have heard by now, GOB Quilts is going to be moving into a new location just after the first of the New Year. Mi Belia Mena gave us a great opportunity to get GOB Quilts started inside Antiques & Collectibles. Thanks to your support, we are now ready to move out on our own. Our last “business day” inside Antiques & Collectibles will be Wednesday, December 21, 2016. We are working to open in our new location the first week of the New Year. We will be moving just a couple of blocks, to 102 3rd Street, in Harlingen. If you have “Liked” the GOB Quilts Facebook Page, you will be able to keep up-to-date with the move through my posts. Then as soon as we have the Re-open Date confirmed, we will be make sure to get it out to everyone.

Until then have a safe, yet Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Laural Powell

GOB Quilts



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Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 648-9709

Opening December 12

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January 6-9 to celebrate our Grand Opening with us! Prizes and Giveaways!



A Block Away Quilt Shop

Barb and Ron Bergquist Owners

2706 N. 10th Street McAllen, TX 78501

(We are in the same mall as Harbor Freight Tools.)

956-638-1961

info@ablockaway.com

www.ablockaway.com

Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

Classes starting in January...and so much more.

Sewing Machine Service and Repair --all makes and models, along with Scissor Sharpening (both available now)

Quilting Fabrics, Patterns, and Supplies

2017 Programs



Nova Montgomery

Nova is a quilter and quilt historian who began quilting in 1980. Teaching since 2003, she has developed a reputation for engaging students in active learning and giving individual attention to her students as she travels and teaches nationally.

Her specialty is the Singer Featherweight 221 sewing machine and she teaches a highly acclaimed Featherweight Maintenance Workshop. She has authored an article on Singer Featherweights for The American Quilter.

Friday, January 13, 2017 - 9am - 4pm

Class - Singer Featherweight 221 Maintenance Class

“Renee’s” Fiber Art Quilting School, 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX ,



| Income and Expenditures RGVOG Checking Account | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| NOVEMBER 2016 | |
| Balance Forward | \$ 6,205.70 |
| INCOME | Income November 2016 |
| Administration | 10 |
| Community Service | |
| Fat Quarter Raffle | 83 |
| Guests & Fines | |
| Library | 13 |
| Membership | |
| Military Service Quilts | |
| Newsletter (advertising) | |
| Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost) | |
| Programs (fees) | -1440 |
| Quilt Show | |
| Quilter's School House (fees) | 130 |
| Retreat - Bluebonnet | |
| Retreat cancellations (refunds) | |
| Retreat - Friendship Star | |
| Retreat 2018 | |
| Total Income | \$ (1,204.00) |
| EXPENSES | |
| Administration, Gift Certificate | 33.96 |
| Bank Service Charge - checks, fees | |
| Bee Keeper | |
| Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web | 105.11 |
| Fat Quarter Raffle | 110 |
| Friendship Day | |
| Guests & Fines | |
| Library | |
| Membership | |
| Military Service quilts | 98 |
| Newsletter | |
| Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance | |
| Programs, (includes Bldg use rent) | |
| Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent) | 200 |
| Retreat - Bluebonnet | |
| Retreat - Friendship Star | |
| Retreat 2018 | |
| Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair) | 1800 |
| Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members) | |
| Scholarships - (College) | |
| Sunshine & Shadows | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 2,347.07 |
| Account Balance Forward | \$ 2,654.63 |

Canx class refunds



Quilt Show

January 27-28, 2017

Get your Opportunity Quilt Tickets. Each book sold earns you a chance to win the gift basket, a \$75 value.

Register your quilts with Lila Helm. Time is running out to get your quilts registered. A quilt can be registered online by completing the forms, taking a picture of the quilt and emailing both to Lila Helm. Her email address is: lila.helm48@gmail.com. The forms are on our website. Another way to register is to complete the form, take a picture of your quilt, and send them and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Lila. She will return your number in the envelope you provided. Don't want to deal with "snail mail," you can go to any of the parks which have already scheduled registration dates and times.

The following parks have scheduled registration days:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| January 3 – 10 am – Noon | January 5 – 9 am – Noon | January 5 – 1 pm – 3 pm | Final quilt registration: |
| Hidden Valley | Sunshine Country Club | Llano Grande Resort | January 7, 2017 9 am – Noon. |
| 7600 Long Drive | 7000 Michigan Drive | 2215 East West Blvd | Grace Episcopal Church; |
| Mission, TX | Harlingen, TX | Mercedes, TX | 700 S Missouri Ave, |
| Karen Eck | Jan Bethke | Monica Myers | Weslaco, TX. |
| 956.432.9215 | 956.357.2218 | 319.239.3161 | Lila Helm |
| | | | 507.377.2008 |

These are also listed on the calendar on the RGVQG.com website. Check often for updates and new locations. Would you like to hold a quilt registration event at your park? Please contact Lila to schedule.

Miniatures are beginning to come in. Miniatures can be no larger than 144 inches around. Pat Skye is taking miniatures at the guild meetings. Voting for your favorite miniature will be at the January guild meeting. Cash prizes for the top three miniatures.

Volunteers are needed! Please volunteer to assist at the show. Not only are you helping may the show a success, your admission to the show is only \$5.

The Opportunity Quilt sales are beginning to pick up. For each book you sell you will receive a white ticket from Jackie Heyes. The drawing for the gift basket, a \$75 value, will be held at the February guild meeting. The more books you sell, the more opportunities you have to win the basket.

The Boutique is looking for items to sells. Mi is looking for pin cushions, phone carriers, purses, wallets, etc. She's taking any small to medium sized item you would like to donate. All proceeds will go to the Guild. Bring your items to the Guild meeting and give them to Mi so she can do her sorting and pricing.

Door prizes are also needed. We need any unwanted patterns, fat quarters, books or handmade items. Please give them to Mi at the next Guild meeting.

Do you want to sell your quilt or quilted items at the show? To do so, your item(s) must be registered and displayed at the show. There is an additional form to complete that will allow us to sell your item. Ten percent of the sale price goes to the guild. If you have any questions, get in touch with me.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah, and may you have a joyous New Year

Karon Jacobson, 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



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