

# Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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## Presidents Piece

It's that time of year when we have to say goodbye to our Winter Texan friends. We've enjoyed having all of you sharing your lives and considerable talents with us for the past few months, and we're looking forward to having you come back ASAP. Please keep in touch with us through the summer by posting on our Facebook page and showing us what you are working on while you're away.

For those of you who are staying here, we have a lot of fun things planned for the summer and fall. We will be meeting all summer at Llano Grande where we have lots of room for programs and demos, so, if you need to show us what you learned at a quilt show you attended using one of the guild scholarships, we're looking forward to your presentation. We're also planning on having Friendship Day (in September) at Llano Grande this year. We need a chairman to lead the effort to put that together this year, so please consider volunteering. We will probably have some Military Service Quilt sew days and those are always fun. It's a shame we can't do more of them during the winter, but we just can't get any of the parks to let us use their facilities during the winter season.

If you enjoy our guild, please consider volunteering for one of our committees, or running for office this year. It's a great way to meet new friends and spend time with the old friends who share your interests. You don't have to be here year round for most of the guild's jobs. That's what email, Facebook, and the Internet are good for. We'll be trying out registering and paying for program classes and schoolhouse classes on line this summer, so everyone will have the same opportunity to get into the classes they want. Just keep checking our webpage for more information. Again, bye everyone.

Enjoy your summer, but don't forget all your South Texas friends.



## Calendar

Board Meeting: May 10th  
1:pm  
1623 N Tower Rd  
Guild Meeting: May 13, 2017  
9:am

Llano Grande Event Center  
Program:  
Scholarship Presentations  
Judy Shelton Demonstration of  
Alternative Border and Binding.  
Judi Swanda "Creative Strength  
Training"

Board Meeting: June 7, 2017  
1:pm  
Guild Meeting: June 10, 2017  
9:am

Llano Grande Event Center  
Program:  
Scholarship Presentation  
Bonnie Hall Demonstration of  
Pressing Techniques.  
Carla Mewhinney "Overview  
on Surface Design Techniques"



# RGVQG General Meeting - April 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney, President at 9:05 am.

**The Secretary's** minutes from the March meeting were adopted as published on the web site with no additions or corrections.

**Treasurer,** Karon Jacobson reports that there is \$7,484.90 in the checking account.

**Membership Chair,** Bonnie Hall reports that we now have 279 members. She also advised the membership that if there were any questions regarding the web site to please contact her.

**Hostess,** Renee Darkis reports that there are 98 members and 10 guests present today.

**Community Service,** Rick Redd reports that in the month of March there were 1,904 items donated for a total of 7,315 hours and a value of \$50,033.75. The quarterly report showed 3,803 items for a total of 13,230 hours and a value of \$95,917.50.

**Military Service Quilts:** Chris Cowan asked for volunteers to inventory the quilts. We were advised that Green Gate Grove Park has pictures of all the quilts they have made.

**Block of the Month:** Joan Ploeg, last month's winner showed her completed items and rec'd a \$25 gift certificate for classes. The winner of the blocks this month is Karen Knowlton. The BOM for May is September 7<sup>th</sup>, Fan Dance. Please use a white background with a yellow center and bright colors for the outside blocks. This will be a 6 ½" block.

**Programs:** Judy Brown reports that all programs have been scheduled and she has contracts from Ricky Tims and Karen K. Stone. Please see the web site as the classes and lectures will soon be posted for enrollment.

**Schoolhouse:** Karen Dill reports that Joy Paugh will be doing the summer registration.

**Miscellaneous:** Go With Jo will once again be doing a bus trip to the Houston Show for a reported cost of \$389/person. Please contact Go With Jo for further information.

The Executive Board voted to allow those eligible for scholarships to attend any educational class held by a recognized National Speaker. The one exclusion would be speakers at our Guild Meetings and Shows. Remember, you must return to guild and do a demo/lecture on the class and what you learned.

**Quilt Show:** Alice Gibson thanked all who were working on the Board for their hard work in pulling the 2018 Show together and reminded us of the following: 1. There will be an Appraiser at the show; 2. Judy Blum is in charge of the Miniature Auction. Maximum size of the quilt is 36" x 36" and there are several books in the guild library on miniatures; 3. Challenge Quilts must be no more than 24" x 24"; 4. The Opportunity Quilt Prize for selling tickets will be a Sewing Machine; 5. Volunteers will get in free with 2 ½ hours of service and finally 6. We have 5 hotels giving discounts on reservations.

Newsletter: Please send all articles to Jackie Heyes direct. All news is due the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Retreat:** Karen Heaney reports that there were 18 new retreaters this year and that she now has a waiting list for next year.

**Sunshine & Shadows:** None reported this month.

**Needs:** Carla Mewhinney advises that we still need a Publicity Chair and a Friendship Day Chair and if interested please contact her.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

# PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Fiber Arts Exhibition 2017

The Upper Valley Art League

Pat Skye  
*Syd the Pig*



*Congratulations Pat*



# Program News

## Program News

by Judy Brown

First, thanks to Jean Waufle for an excellent program this month! For those of you who were unable to attend, be sure to check out the photos posted on our Facebook page by Karon Jacobson.

The summer program schedule is set with all meetings at Llano Grande Resort & Country Club Hynes Event Center in Mercedes. On the second Saturday of the month the programs will be:

**May** – Scholarship presentations (lessons learned) by Judy Shelton and Judi Swanda

**June** – Scholarship presentations (lessons learned) by Bonnie Hall and Carla Mewhinney

**July** – Fun with Fussy-cutting by Carol Hover

**August** – Scholarship presentations (lessons learned) by Karon Jacobson and Jan McCoy

**September** – Friendship Day

**October** – Garage Sale

Sue Nickels will be here for our **November** meeting and for classes preceding on machine quilting and machine applique. Those who were signed up last year when she had to cancel have until April 30 to pay for their class this year. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, the waiting list will be opened. Payment can now be made by credit card or PayPal online. Those on the waiting list will receive the link via email. As I am heading north at the end of this month, Louise Chosy will be at the summer meetings to take your checks or cash. You also can send a check to my Wisconsin address in the directory.

In **December**, we will welcome Rob Appell of Man-Sewing. If you haven't seen him, look on YouTube for one of his weekly videos! Registration will certainly fill quickly and will be available online May 15<sup>th</sup>. Links will be posted on our website (rgvqg.com), on our Facebook page, and in the newsletter.

For **January**, we have two national speakers coming to our Quilt Show – Ricky Tims and Karen K. Stone. Registration for their classes will also be available online on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Ricky's class from 10:30 – 12:00 on Friday will be \$20, plus he will have an evening concert from 7:00 – 8:30 for \$20. Karen's "Little Things that Count" will be on Friday from 1:00 – 4:00 for \$25 plus \$15 for a kit, or "Windsor Gardens" on Saturday from 9:00 – Noon for \$25 plus \$20 for the kit. She will also have a lecture on Saturday afternoon at 2:00.

**February** bring Suzi Parron here with her barn quilts and a barn quilt painting workshop. Registration will open for her classes in August.

In **March** we will be joined by Marci Baker of quiltwithmarcibaker.com. More details will follow this summer with registration opening in September.

We have begun program scheduling for 2018-19 and appreciate your continued suggestions. Please send to [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com).

As always, please check our website for the most up-to-date program news.

# Bee News



## The Wanna Bee Buzz

The Wanna Bees are starting to buzz with the incoming year 2017. At the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Bee re-organized to assist Adela with the Bee duties. The following will be assisting Adela (Queen Bee):

Anita Pineda (Tid Bit Bee) oversees the newsletter submissions

Angie Arguello (Honey Do Bee) selects monthly projects

Dinora Cavazos (Scout Bee) will select a project and an organization to donate the project to

All members will be “Worker Bees”

### Monthly Projects

Angie explained the rules for the monthly projects. Members can opt to participate or not. There will be month themes. February theme is “Hearts.” March theme will be “Something Green.”

### Show and Tell Projects

Anita showed the Cowgirl outfit she made for her granddaughter for the upcoming Stock Show in Mercedes. Adela show-cased her Bonnet pincushion to be donated to the Quilt show.

### The Quilt Show Plans

The Bees worked on individual donation projects for the Quilt show Country Store. Most of the members donated a project or two.

Quilt Show at South Padre Island attendance plans were made to go either by carpool or individual vehicles.

### Honeycomb News

The Bees had saddening news of longtime member Nila Layman passing away on January 7<sup>th</sup>. A card with monetary donations was given to the church for the student(s) Nila called “her adopted kids.”

### Upcoming events

The Lower-Valley Bee Keeper has been invited to attend one of our February meetings.

### Buzz Us

For information about The Wanna Bees, contact Adela Saldana, cell: 956-9349 or Anita Pineda, cell: 956-490-4493.

The Wanna Bees meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m. at Casa Maria in Mercedes. For directions to the Beehive (Casa Maria), call Anita.



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## *Community Service:*

### [Community Service Form](#)

### COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCATIONS

The Following list was made up from community service paperwork for 2016, and other sources given to us during the change over. You may use one from the list or donate to anywhere or anyone you may choose. Please print and fill out a [Community Service Form](#) for each LOCATION you take your items to.

You may contact any RGV Hospital-(Each hospital will have different needs Ex: neo-natal, rehab, hospice, birthing, pediatric, etc.) A good place to start is the gift shop. The AUX Volunteers will be happy to assist you.

Please forward all additions, deletions, corrections of this list to Rick/Subie at [rredd2@rgv.rr.com](mailto:rredd2@rgv.rr.com)

**New - Community Svc** page – Contains a link to the Community Service Form. This form is also available on the Forms page. The page also contains known locations that accept items donated by our guild members. Scroll down to see the specific organizations and locations. The locations, i.e. address info, are linked to google maps. Please make sure you take one of the Community Service forms with you.

This is just a small bit of what's available on our website, [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com). Watch for more info in next month's newsletter.

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

# Financial Report

Income and Expenditures RGVOG Checking Account	
MARCH 2017	
Balance Forward	\$ 17,921.39
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Income March 2017</b>
Administration	
Community Service	
Fat Quarter Raffle	182
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	100
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	110
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	388.27
Programs (fees)	
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House (fees)	50
Scholarship - College	100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 930.27</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration, Gift Certificate	370.35
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	52
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	1537.59
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	28.1
Membership	
Military Service quilts	60.61
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	2318.11
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	200
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	600
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	1200
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,366.76</b>
Transfer to Savings	\$ 5,000.00
Account Balance Forward	\$ 7,484.90

# RGVQG Membership

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](http://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 have 284 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 – Leah Buerkle and Pennie Morton.

Welcome back returning members – Anita Schmidt.

Welcome back renewing members – Barbara Hall, Karen Okerstrom, Pam Storms and Linda Swonger.

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. The newer membership ID cards will have the info needed to access the online directory on the back of the ID card. If your ID card does NOT have the directory info on the back, please see me at the next meeting and I'll give you a sticky label to put on the back of your ID card. Otherwise, please contact me if you want the password for the online directory.

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## Squirrel Problem

The Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrels. After much prayer and consideration, they determined the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim... So twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Episcopal Church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the waterslide.

But the Catholic Church came up with a very creative strategy. They baptized all the squirrels and consecrated them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue, but it's rumored that they took one squirrel and circumcise him. They haven't seen a squirrel on their property since!!!





# Quilt Show January 26, 27, 2018

The picture for putting up with the write up is with your tickets that you up, if not I am sending a PDF file for you. The convention Center on South Padre Island has been booked. There will be blocks of rooms booked at the hotels to accommodate our members, the vendors, the teachers, and out of town attendees who will be wanting rooms to attend the days of the quilt show.

The theme of the show is “Sewing with the Stars” based on the stars in the quilt. The theme then led us to look for teachers who are currently Stars themselves with the prerequisite that they come from or currently reside in TX. That led to contacting both Karen Stone and Ricky Tims to see if they would be available at the time of the Show. At the time of this report Judy Brown is negotiating with both of the above teachers as I had said in our meeting on Saturday.

The quilt Challenge is very simple:

1. Choose a “Star” that has influenced your quilting journey, it does not necessarily have to be a quilting teacher.
2. Make 24 x 24” maximum quilt that represents that star’s influence on you.
3. Compose a short story on why you chose this star and place it on the front of the quilt for display.
4. Enter your quilt in next year’s show for all to see and vote on.

Have fun with the process.

The Quilt Show Committee

We hope everyone will enter the challenge category this year.

Submitted by

Alice Gibson

magwpg@outlook.com

# QUILT SHOW SMALL QUILT SILENT AUCTION



Calling for small quilts. These small quilts are donated and put up for a silent auction at the quilt show. This is a chance for you to try some technique that you have been wanting to try! Take a quilt block that you made and finish as small quilt. Proceeds go to support the activities of the guild.

Quilts should be 36" x 36" or smaller. The quilts can be turned in at guild meetings starting in November or to Judy Blum. They are to have a label with name of the quilt as well as your name.

The guild will vote on their favorites at the January meeting and you might even win a cash prize.

Questions, Judy Blum 319-551-0658 or judy.blum19@gmail.com

# COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT APRIL 2017

**TOTAL ITEMS.....133**

**TOTAL HOURS.....929**

**TOTAL VALUE.....\$6735.25**

**DONATED TO:**

Salvation Army  
Valley Cancer Assos.  
UpBring  
Alfredo Gonzalez Veterns Home  
Children's Protective Services  
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**DONATED BY:**

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Llano Grande

# Quilt Shop News



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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, Bonnie Hall, webmaster

The military quilts that are hung the quilt show are changed each year. Some may appear to be the same because of the center panels being the same.

Some to assist from each end of the valley would be very helpful but we need volunteers for that. We just can't appoint people.

Thank you, Deborah Blackbourn, [deborahblackbourn@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahblackbourn@yahoo.com)



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



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