

Patches & Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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November 2017

President's Piece

Welcome back Winter Texans! It was so good to see so many friends at the last Guild meeting. There are a lot of things going on in the Guild and were looking forward to your participation.

Our last meeting was also our annual election and I'm looking forward to working with the new Board members. Kathe` Latulle is our new President, Joy Paugh is the new Secretary, and Judy Brown graciously agreed to stay on as the Programs Chair. Please let these new volunteers know how much you appreciate their time and interest in taking on these important jobs. I'm also happy to announce that we have a new Quilt Show Chairperson for the 2019 Quilt Show. Debi Warner has agreed to take that job. She has lots of experience with large quilt shows, since she works for the company that rents the scooters at the national and international quilt shows. Please be generous with your time and ideas with all these new people.

We are in the final push to get ready for the 2018 Quilt Show, so I hope you all have your quilts, and challenges, and wearable, and small silent auction quilts ready to go. We urge you to register your quilts online this year. Just go to the Quilt Show tab on our web page, fill out the form, and submit it right then. No more having to take it somewhere to get it registered. There will be limited registration at various locations around the valley, just check the calendar on our web page for times and locations.

Thanks to all of you who have supported our Military Service Quilt initiative this summer. We've given out more than 160 quilts to deserving veterans and identified more people who will be getting quilts in the future. We will be having a Military Sew Day on Dec. 1, from 9am to 3pm, at Winter Ranch in Alamo. Please come and join the fun. If you could quilt a Military Service Quilt for us, please let me or Deb Blackbourn know. You do not need a long-arm to quilt these quilts! We have plenty bundled up with backing and batting, just waiting to be quilted.

See you at our next Guild meeting. It will be at our new location – Alamo Rec Vet- in Alamo.

Carla Mewhinney, President



Calendar

Board Meeting:

will be held Monday, December 4, 2017.

Quilt Show Board 9:30 am to noon.

Guild Board 1-2 pm

Both at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School.

Guild Meeting:

December 9, 2017, 9:00 am
Alamo Recreational Vehicle Park
(Alamo Rec-Veh, Main Hall
1320 W Frontage Road
Alamo TX 78516

December:

Quilts from the Sea and Beyond
Rob Appell

January: Quilt Show
Victoria Findley Wolfe
and Ricky Tims

February : Barn Trail Quilts
Suzi Parron

March: Top Secret Tips
Marci Baker



Rename the Newsletter!

The person submitting the new name will receive a desktop needle threader, easier to use in some lighting situations. Get your imaginations going and send your submissions to newsletter@rgvqg.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT October 2017

TOTAL ITEMS.....18

TOTAL HOURS.....310

TOTAL VALUE.....\$2247.50

DONATED TO:
Renaissance Hospital Neo-Natal
Hospice Program
Valley Baptist
Military Service Project

DONATED BY:
Joan Taylor
Glenda Davis
Bonnie Cassidy
Various Guild Members
Killer Bees



Quilt Appraiser

Lisa Erlandson to be at our Show.

Lisa is AQS certified and gives a written appraisal that can be used for insurance, fair market value or donation value. Most insurance companies require a written appraisal for replacement value. She appraises current quilts (such as our Opportunity Quilt) and heirloom quilts.

Sign up on Lisa's form on our web page under "FORMS" or under "QUILT SHOW". Your name, phone number, name of quilt and payment are required and will be handled electronically. Non-members may also register for an appraisal through the Guild web page. Scheduling will take place closer to show time.

For questions and further information, please contact: Pat Skye, 956-202-3778.

For more information

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



Bee News



Sue Slaton, sister to a member of **Killer Bees**, shared many quilting hints and tricks. She taught a new way to do blocks and then did a trunk show. Some of her quilts are award winners.

Twentyone of us went to the Houston Quilt Festival. It was fun, tiring, enjoyable and educational in so many ways.

Hosting the personable Sue Nickels during her stay as Schoolhouse teacher and Guild presenter was very pleasant.

This next week is an open sew day for our charity efforts. We are making bears for kids, breast cancer and port pillows for adults. We are an open Bee.

The **Row Quilters Bee** meets each Friday, at Alamo Country Club, to sew and share. For our last meeting in October, the room was decorated for Halloween - thanks to Pam Manley! Everyone brought good food to share and we had a great luncheon, with twelve attending, some even dressing for the occasion. After lunch, we played games and had prizes. We always have "show-and-tell", but the talk was about who was going to the Houston Quilt Festival. We'll be anxious to hear the stories when those ladies return from their great adventure.

We were happy to welcome a visitor, Judy Blum, and sure hope to have her join us again. Lucy Klass, Kathy Smith and Cassino Richardson are all back for the "season". As the end of the year approaches, Vicki Guerra is finishing her listed UFOs at a rapid pace, with Janey Thompson close on her heels. One of them will surely be the one who gets taken to lunch by the rest of us! Submitted by Marty Morrison and Dale Shafer

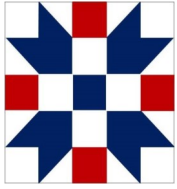
The **Sew and Sew Quilt Bee** has started meeting this fall at Snow to Sun. We have been busy layering quilt tops that were made in the spring, then tying them. The picture shows one of our group members working to tie the quilt.

We were gifted scraps from Victoria Palms quilt group after they had made cancer head scarves. In the next two pictures, you can see that the group members are making quilt tops using strips of fabric in the string quilting method. Most of the group are working with a partner as 30 blocks are needed to complete the quilt top. The finished quilts are used as donations to The Rainbow Room in Weslaco.

Our group has reviewed our very busy schedule and will be gathering all of the supplies needed for the winter. We will be making some decorations for our hall for the holiday season, decorations for our trees at home, and seasonal table runners before Christmas. Members of our group share their knowledge to lead the group with various projects as well as making the donation quilts. We are looking forward to an exciting season with much learning, sharing, and enjoyment.

We need buzzin' from more Bees !

Sketch your next quilt block here.



Program News



We tried some new things in November with Sue Nickels. Killer Bees from Harlingen hosted her and had a great time. I received the following message “awesome class...enjoyed taking her out to dinner too...and picking her up...thanks for letting us help out...any time in the future...”

Other comments included: “Great class. Learned a lot. Sue is a very good teacher. (I) have had her book for a while but had not used it but will now.”

In December the Winter Haven Border Quilters will host Rob Appell and are looking forward to it. There are still some openings in his classes. You can register online with the link on the Programs page on rgvqq.com. If you prefer to mail a check, please contact programs@rgvqq.com.

Rob’s classes include:

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Gears Quilt - \$45

Thursday, Dec. 7 - 3 Dudes Modified - \$45

Friday, Dec. 8, - Reverse Appliqué - \$45

Saturday, Dec. 9 (1/2 day after meeting) - Fidget Quilt \$30 including supplies other than a 5” charm pack which you need to furnish

If you have seen any of his videos, you know how much fun he can be. Don’t miss the opportunity to attend his class. His lecture at our December meeting will be “Quilts from the Sea and Beyond” a trunk show of quilts and fun stories.

There is still space at the Quilt Show with Victoria Findlay Wolfe classes and with Ricky Tims class and concert. Don’t forget Ricky Tims Luminarium following our Quilt Show on Sunday and Monday. You won’t regret it!

You can also sign up for Barn Quilt Painting in February with Susie Parron and in March for Marci Baker’s “Not Your Grandmother’s Log Cabin” or “Tumbling Blocks/Roll of the Dice.”

If your Bee is interested in hosting and of the 2018 Fall to 2019 Spring speakers, please contact programs@rgvqq.com. Your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you, Judy Brown



RETREAT 2018



IMPORTANT INFO FOR ALL RETREATERS

If you have signed up for retreat and for whatever reason you are now unable to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. I currently have over 20 quilters wanting to take your spot.

Friendship Star (March 12-16,2018) full refund period ends on February 21, 2018. Your retreat must be paid in full by the January, 2018 guild meeting.

Alannah Langlois is not going to retreat this year. She helped with door prizes and discounts. If you are going to the Friendship Star Retreat, please consider helping.

Bluebonnet Friends (March 18-22, 2018) full refund period ends on February 28, 2018. Your retreat must be paid in full by the February, 2018 guild meeting.

Please plan ahead. I am not sure if I will be at the November, 2017 meeting and I am certain I will NOT be at the January, 2018. I strongly suggest that you pay at the December, 2017 meeting or mail your retreat fees to me. You can get with your roomies and send all in one envelope if you prefer. My address is in the guild directory. I will try to get a few to help me when I am not at the meetings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

I am looking forward to another fulfilled time while at the Tennis Ranch.

Karyn Heaney

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
OCTOBER 2017	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,377.02
INCOME	
Administration (donations to the Guild not allocated)	
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	475
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	
Other Income - savings transfer, lost checks	4,000
Programs (fees) (subtract refunds from here)	1,170.94
Quilt Show	
School House (fees) (subtract refunds from here)	
Youth Education	
Total Income	\$ 5,645.94
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	90.43
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	1.28
Bee Keeper (Split upper valley and lower valley bees)	
Biz Utilities - building use (not classes; 1/2 storage unit), PO Box, Web	533.07
Fabric Drawing	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	66.77
Membership	
Military Service quilts (include 1/2 storage unit \$825)	
President (door prizes, departing officers)	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	676
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	3,672.40
School House (includes bldg use rent)	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	46.39
Sunshine & Shadows	
Youth Education	
Total Expenses	\$ 5,086.34
Account Balance Forward	\$ 1,936.62

Ins.

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild – General Meeting – November 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M. by Carla Mewhinney, President.

A special presentation was given by Chris Cowan to 2 Military Veterans. Derrell LeTulle and Lee Ploeg were each presented with a military service quilt pieced and quilted by RGVQG members.

Today was election day. Positions up for election were President, Secretary, and 3rd VP-Programs. Kathe LeTulle was elected President. Joy Paugh was elected Secretary. Judy Brown was elected 3rd VP-Programs. Renee Darkis moved that they be elected. Monica Myer seconded the motion. Carla presented the vote to the membership and the vote passed.

Debi Warner has accepted the 2019 Quilt Show Chairman position.

Treasurers Report. The report will be posted in the newsletter and on the website.

Secretary Report. Cindy Ellis moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as written. Kathe LeTulle seconded.

Membership: Members and new members can register on line and at the monthly meetings. Membership cards will be presented at the meeting following your registration. Bonnie Hall reminded us to use alligator/18 for the 2018 newsletter and also the 2018 directory.

Community Service Report: This report may be viewed in the newsletter and on the website. Community Service Forms are available to attach to completed quilts.

Military Service Sew Day: Friday, December 1, will be the next sew day. It will be held at Winter Ranch off Tower and 495 Highway. Time is 9am to 4pm. Bring a lunch. There are quite a few quilts and lap quilts to be quilted, see Renee Darkis.

Hostess Report: There were 16 guests/new members at today's meeting.

Programs: Judy Brown informed us that we can see status of class enrollment and classes we have signed up for under Program Class Info on the www.rgvqg.com/alligator page. There are still openings for the December thru March classes. Rob Appell has opened a Saturday afternoon class in December for the fidget quilt. Tickets for the Ricky Tims concert in January are available to be picked up at the general meetings. For those of you planning on attending the Ricky Tims Luminarium, the guild discount will go off at the end of November. The Killer Bees were the hostess for Sue Nickels and the Winter Haven Bee will host Rob Appell. See Judy if your group would like to host a speaker in 2018-2019 season.

Judi Swanda was thanked for offering the Alamo Rec-Veh Park for our monthly meetings November 2017 through March 2018. The fee of \$300.00 to hold the meetings at the park will go to the Rec-Veh charity sewing group each month. Please do not park in vacant RV lots. Parking is to the east of the building.

School House Classes: Karen Dill reported that all the classes are full for the 2017-2018 season. However, there are waiting lists. If there is a class you would like to take, please place your name on the waiting list.

Explanation of Program and School House Classes. Program classes are given by nationally recognized speakers from November to March. These classes are generally \$45.00 with occasional fees for supplies. Judy Brown is the Program person. The School House Classes are \$10.00 and they are taught by guild members. Supply lists are provided. Karen Dill oversees the School House Classes. Please see Karen if you have a class you would like to teach.

Sunshine and Shadows: Vicki Guerra has a new grandson, officially adopted on Wednesday of this week. Karen Eck has a very ill grandson. Jan Major's husband has bladder cancer. Linda Blum had heart surgery. Karen Hungers, 52 year old son-in-law, Stephen King, has brain cancer, was given 6 weeks. Maggie Putney is the contact for Sunshine and Shadows.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles is the 15th of each month.

Retreat: Karen Heaney said that both the Friendship Star (March 12-16) and the Bluebonnet Retreat (March 18-22) are full. There is a waiting list. If you know you cannot attend, please let Karen know.

The dates for complete refund is February 21st for the Friendship Star Retreat and February 28th for Bluebonnet. The fees for Friendship Star are due the January meeting. The fees for Bluebonnet are due February meeting.

The Llano Grade Quilters Delight Retreat held at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels December 4-8, has openings, please see Monica Myers.

Library: Vicki Guerra has purchased a lot of new books. Remember to return your library books at the monthly meetings.

Monthly Block Draw: Bonnie Cassidy explained that the calendar she has been using is out of print. GOB Quilts has 2 for sale. The December block is December 17th. Rocky Mountain puzzle. Red Christmas fabric surrounded by white. 8.5 inch square. Each month a block pattern is featured. Members may make one or more blocks to enter into a draw to receive all blocks. A ticket is given for each block entered. These tickets are then used to draw a winner. If the winner brings a completed project made with these blocks to the following meeting, he/she will receive a \$25.00 certificate to be used for the guilds classes (program or schoolhouse). Jean Nickila was the winner of the previous months blocks.

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2018 Quilt Show: January 26th and 27th, Friday and Saturday, South Padre Island Convention Center Entrance fee is \$10.00 a day or \$15.00 for two days. Opportunity tickets may be purchased for the opportunity quilt on display today. Jan Baethke said you may see her if you would like to take the quilt or a small poster to one of your park functions and sell tickets. The opportunity ticket sales fund the guilds projects. The member that sells the most tickets for the opportunity quilt will win the Elna sewing machine that was on display today. Ricky Tims and Victoria Findlay Wolfe will be the teachers at the show. Lisa Erlandson, a certified quilt appraiser, will be the appraiser at the quilt show. The cost of an appraisal is \$50.00. Forms may be picked up today at the meeting or printed from the website. A non-member may have their quilt appraised. Judy Blum will be accepting your challenge quilts as well as the miniature quilts for the silent auction. Paula McCutcheon explained that this year's challenge quilts are to be 24" x 24". The theme is to be a person that mentored you in your quilt experience. A written story is to accompany your challenge quilt. Lila Helm said the show quilt registration may be done on line. Please see the website for the registration form and guidelines. Dolphin Duds will again be in place in Port Isabel. The quilt coverings will be on the dolphins the month of January 2018. Volunteer Sign Up Sheets will be available each meeting. The show entrance fee is 10.00 for one day and \$15.00 for two days.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Paugh, acting Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

We are now accepting membership dues for 2018. You may now pay for your membership [online](#) using a credit card or PayPal.

Your 2018 membership id makes you eligible to win a \$600 RGVQG Scholarship to be used for any National/International quilt show or classes/retreats by nationally recognized quilters, e.g. Sue Nickels retreat in Michigan. The random drawing will be held after the break at the February 10, 2018 guild meeting.

We have **307** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 11/12/2017.

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 membership article.

Welcome New Members – Diana Adame, Zoe Beemer-Erickson, Judith L Carlin, Linda Cutter, Janice Davis, Stella Ellingson, Betsy Flaherty, Peggy Fleming, Marilyn Frye, Teresa Habbe, Cheryl Hanson, Kim S Hawkins, Joan B Jensen, Lora Miller, Diane Nolan, Yvonne Nordmeyer, Donna Otto, Anna Parton, Peggie Phillips, Kathleen Raleigh, Cheryl Sheer, Sue Signs, Stephanie Smith, Shirley Stoudt, LaDone Will , Nancy Wolf

Welcome back returning members – Linda Johnson, Jean Kelley, Tamara Lieser, Vera McEvoy, Aggie Moore, Rosie Sterling

Welcome back renewing members – Sue Arnold, Jan Baethke, Billie Barr, Lynne Benson, Judie Berger, Suzanne Brennan, Nancy Bush, Sandi Carstensen, Bonnie Chambers, Jean Cline, Jo Corey, Chris Cowan, Sue Ann Crapsey, Audrey Croft, Susanne Deg, Michele Dextras, Kathleen Kay Dombi, Karen Eck, Cindy Ellis, MaryAnne Fay, Nancy Flaherty, Bev Fleming, Val Forsyth, Vicki Guerra, Bonnie Hall, Elaine Hall, Mike Hall, Linda Happ, Mary Jo Havertape, Lila Helm, Deb Henneman, Jackie Heyes, Alie Hiles, Barbara Hill, Dorothea Hubbell, Karen M Hunger, Karon Jacobson, Barbara Kissler, Karen Knowlton, Beverly Kramer, Alannah Langlois, Marjorie Lehman, Kathe Letulle, Angela Lieser, Maggie Loney, Laurie Magee, Linda Mahoney, Carrah Maney, Fran Mansfield, Marilynne Martin, Jan McCoy, Angie McGuire, Darlene Meadows, Judy Meadows, Pennie Morton, Elaine Muzichuk, Monica Myers, Jean Nickila, Joyce Osborn, Renee Pageau, Mellie Peach, Jeanne Peterson, Joan Ploeg, Maggie Putney, Marsha Santow, Esther

Schmidt, Judy Shelton, Pat Skye, Kathryn Smith, Stella H Snider, Patricia Sonnevil, Sharon Swanson, Annette Sweet, Judy Sprague White, Priscilla Wodzinski, Diana Wolf.

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. Your 2018 membership ID cards will have the info needed to access the online directory on the back of the ID card.

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

Irish Traveler Mystery Quilt, Month 2

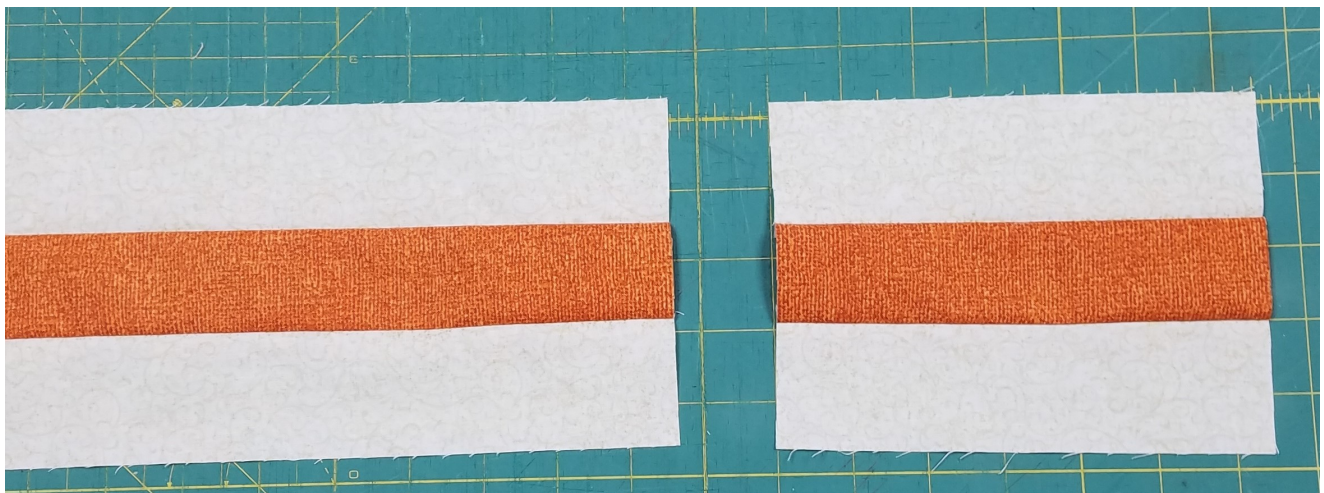
This is a mystery that will take you on a trip through the Irish countryside. The winding pattern is a great way to begin your travels into quilting, while still entertaining for more experienced quilters.

Irish Traveler Mystery Quilt – Month #2

Reminder - instructions for making the Strata are in last month's newsletter. As always if you have any questions, you can contact Laural Powell at gobquilts@gmail.com

In the Irish countryside, many of the **roads** are extremely narrow, with solid **hedges** on both sides. To the point that if two cars meet on the same road, one driver must reverse until they get to a spot wide enough for the two cars to pass. Even then they usually just squeak by.

Road & Hedges – 1) From the Strata cut 32 – 6 ½" Lengths, which will then be 5" x 6 ½".



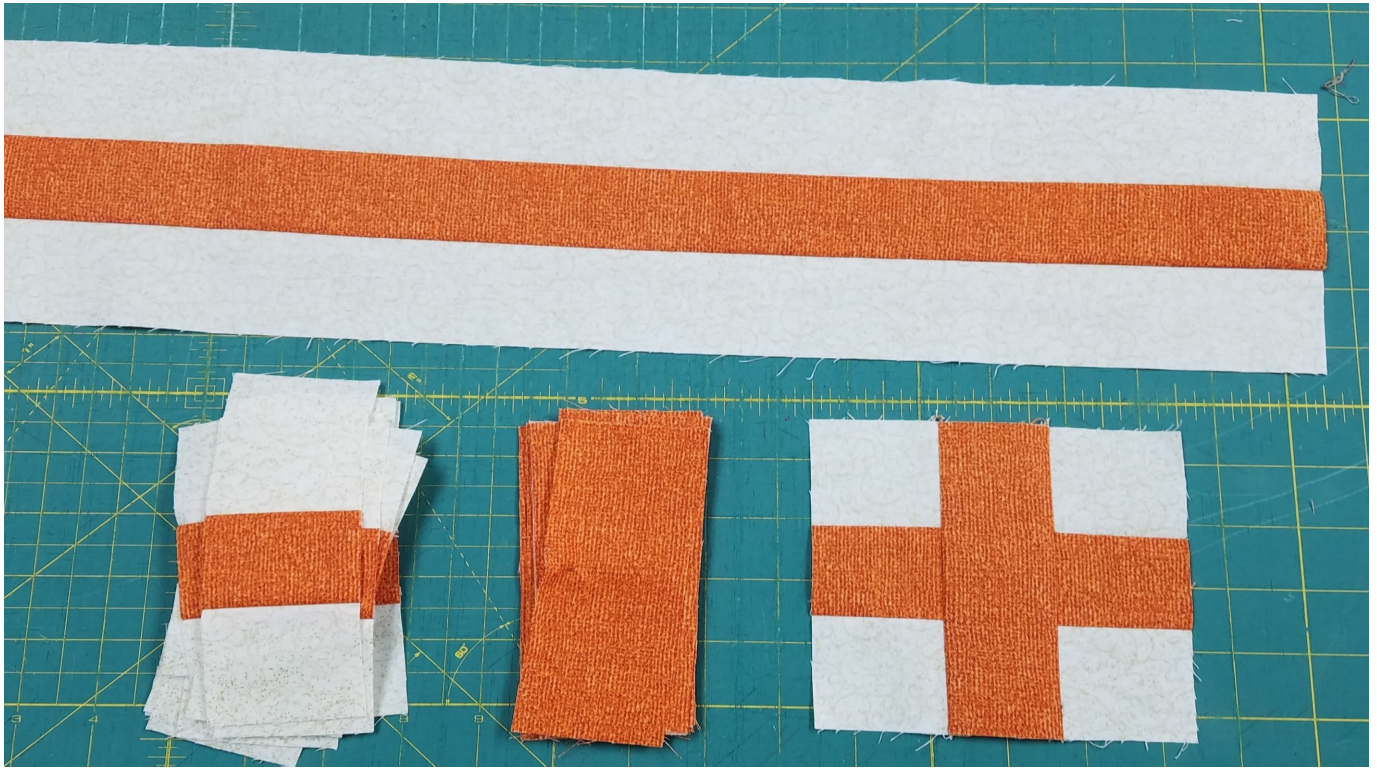
One of Ireland's most breathtaking natural landmarks are the **Cliffs of Moher**. The rock face shoots straight down 702 ft. to the sea. At the highest point of the Cliffs sits O'Brien's Tower, from which you can often see all the way to the Aran Islands in the north.

Cliffs of Moher – 1) From the Strata cut 32 – 5" lengths. 2) Gather 32 Dk. Background 2" x 5" rectangles. 3) Sew a Dk. Background piece across one end of each of the 5" Strata, press toward the Strata. 32 - 5" x 6 1/2".



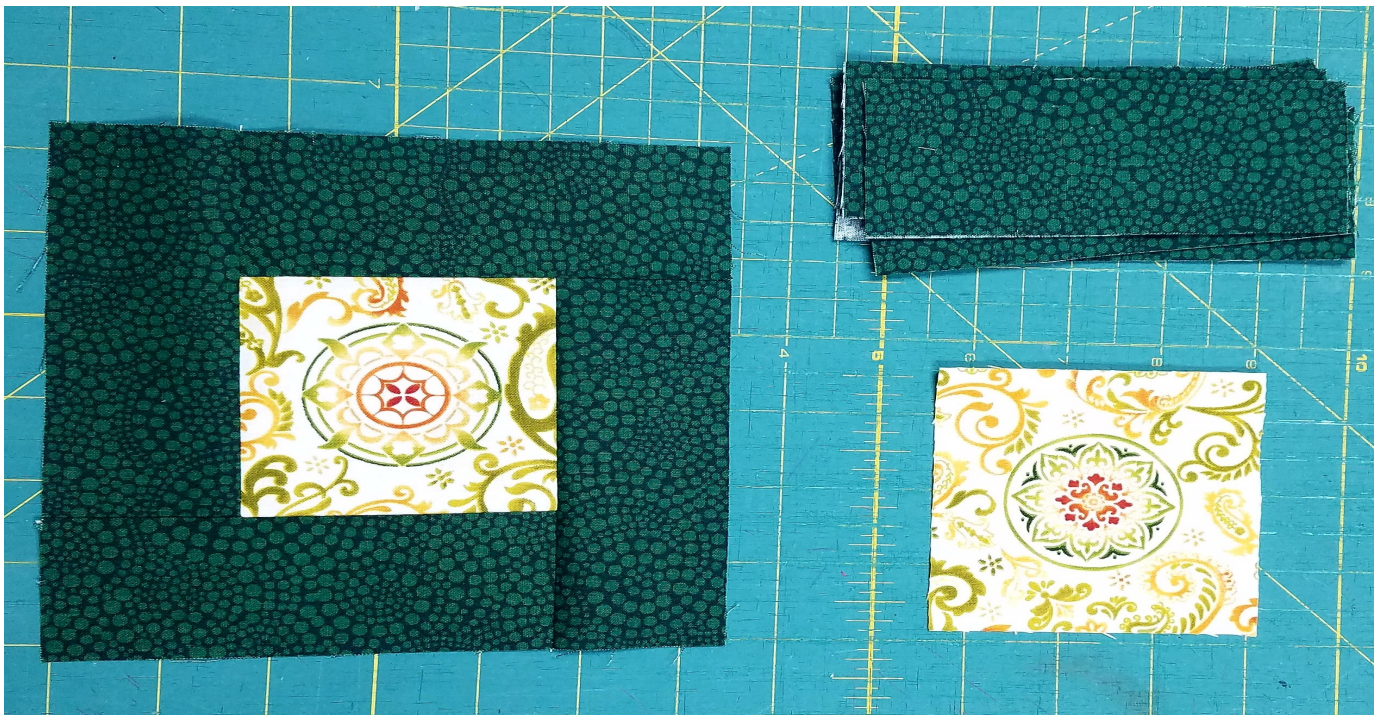
The Irish consider the Celtic **Cross** as a symbol of Irish Heritage. (**Please see picture on next page**). On any road trip around the beautiful Irish countryside, you are likely to see countless stone crosses, many of which have stood for centuries.

Cross – 1) From the remains of the Strata cut 32 – 2" widths. 2) Gather 16 Contrast 2" x 5" rectangles. 3) Sew a Strata piece to the length of one Contrast piece, make 16 of these, press toward the Contrast. 4) Sew a Strata piece to the other side of the Contrast on all 16, press all toward the Contrast. 16 - 5" x 5".



At intersections in Ireland you will often find a **Roundabout**, in lieu of a traffic light. Everyone enters the Roundabouts clockwise, and you continue around until you come to the exit you want. The purpose of having a Roundabout is to reduce delays and collisions.

Roundabout – 1) Gather the remaining Dk. Background 2" x 5" rectangles (64), and the 16 – 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares. 2) Sew a Dk. Piece to one side of one square, stopping halfway down, repeat on the other 15 squares, the press toward the Dk. Background. 2) Sew a Dk. Background piece to the 5" side of the square, repeat on the other 15 squares, and press toward the Dk. Background. 3) Repeat on the last 2 sides of the 16 squares. 4) Finish the seam on the first side of each square, and press. 16 - 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" wrapped square.



In Irish countryside, it is impossible to go 5 minutes without coming across a flock of sheep. Lambs were brought to Ireland by British and Scottish Landlord during the Great Famine. Not to feed the starving, but to graze the land, and later sale as a revenue source. Today sheep outnumber people in Ireland, with 4.7 million sheep, that's 18.8 million **Lambs Legs!**

Lambs Leg – 1) Gather 3 - Contrast 3½" strips, and 3 Lt. Background 2" strips. Sew a Lt. Background strip to a 3 ½" Contrast strip, make 3 of these, press toward the Contrast strip. Cut 48 – 2" Combos. 2) Gather 48 Lt. Background 2" x 5" rectangles. Sew a Lt. Background rectangle to the left side of a Combo piece, make 32 of these, press toward the Lt. Background piece. 3) Sew a Lt. Background rectangle to the right side of a Combo piece, make 16 of these, press toward the Lt. Background piece. 4) Gather 6 Lt. Background 2" strips, 3 Contrast 2" strips, make 3 additional Strata, but this time press toward the Light Background. Cut 48 – 2" lengths from the Strata. 5) Sew a Strata piece to each of the 48 Combo pieces, press toward the Strata piece. 48 - 5" x5" square.



Newsletter Report from Quilt Show Board

Our first fall meeting was held last Wednesday, unfortunately I was unable to attend because of physician tests for my husband. Carla very graciously agreed to chair the meeting. Everyone on the committee came prepared with their reports of what they had accomplished over the summer and because they are the organized group they are we are on target with the plans for the show coming up January 26 and 27 2018 at the South Padre Island Convention Center.

PROGRAMS

We have a great program planned with Ricky Tims and Victoria Findlay Wolfe providing classes, lectures, as well as an evening entertainment show on Friday with Ricky. Attached to the quilt show is Ricky Tims Luminarium that will run Sunday and Monday in the auditorium a perfect time to get a world class workshop along with our show allowing you the reduced room rate when booking accommodation for the show.

APPRAISALS

We have the return of our quilt appraiser Lisa Erlandson who is available to appraise your quilts for \$50.00 each, you need to get your appointment booked now, she will appraise quilts you have in the show as well. Just being with her while she appraises your quilt is worth the money as it is a great learning experience. She will be giving a lecture for attendees as well that is well worth attending.

BOUTIQUE

Boutique is looking for new and interesting items for sale from all of the Bees, this means an opportunity for your creative juices to flow. Make sure Mia Belia has these items in her possession no later than the January Guild meeting.

CHALLENGE QUILTS

Challenge Quilts make sure these are ready to be judged by the members at the January Guild meeting. Ribbons will be awarded. The story is as important as the quilt, therefore they must be visible to be read.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

The opportunity quilt is available for bookings to be taken to parks or other venues to sell tickets. There have been very few places it has been taken over the summer, Jan would like to see it out at least weekly from now on.

There is another issue with tickets, there are still seventy-five (75) members who have not picked up their tickets to date we do not wish to embarrass you by calling your name at the next meeting, please contact Jan Baethke to pick up your tickets for sale.

SEWING SPACE

There will be space and opportunity for the sewing of Military Service Quilts, Community Service Quilts, and Youth sewing in the designated room machines will be provided.

The fashion show is going ahead again, this year. Make sure you register on line by January 18. The show will be scheduled for the auditorium.

REMINDER- SMALL QUILTS FOR SILENT AUCTION AT THE QUILT SHOW

Maximum size: 36" X 36"

Techniques: Piecing and paper piecing were popular. However, other techniques are encouraged, appliqué, fiber art, English paper piecing, hand dying, landscapes, portraits, etc. This is a good opportunity to let your creativity flow.

Other info: Your piece must have a label with your name, title of piece, date and name of pattern if pattern is used. It does not need a sleeve but as a courtesy to the person who buys your piece it is encouraged.

Due: We would encourage you to turn them in at November or December meeting. You can find me with a big yellow Handi-Quilter bag. We will be voting on favorites at the January 13th meeting. You can even turn them in at the show.

These items are donated to guild to be sold at the show to raise funds for guild activities. It is fun to see all the different pieces that our members have made.

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

REGISTRATION

Online registration is the way we prefer for registration

You will be making own registration numbers for your entries.

These numbers should be on fabric measuring 3" by 5". Lila will be bringing blanks to the next 2 guild meetings.

Final registration will be January 6th, 2018. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!

RECEIVING AND RETURN OF THE QUILTS

The quilts will be received between 10 am and 12 noon January 24th at the Church of Christ 1218 S. Bridge Ave. Weslaco.

The quilts will be returned between 10 am and 12 noon January 29th at the Church of Christ 1218 S. Bridge Ave. Weslaco.

VENDORS

We currently have 23 vendors with 2 or 3 available spaces to be filled.

VOLUNTEERS

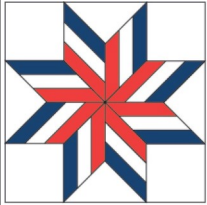
There will be sign-up sheets at the next two meetings to fill the needs identified by each of the chairpersons. It is you the volunteers that make the show the event it has become. It is an opportunity to get to meet and work with other members of the Guild or just have some fun with the group of friends you signed up for.

YOUTH

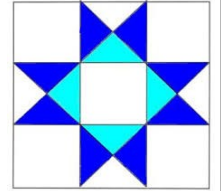
The youth will have a category on display again, this year. Remember to view their display there are exceptional quilters coming up based on last year's exhibit.

If you have questions not answered here, please contact me at magwpg@outlook.com

Alice Gibson



Sewing with the Stars



is progressing behind the scenes as you all go about preparing your quilts for the various categories in the show. Has anyone registered their quilt for the show yet?

We are trying to have a show that will keep your interest for the full time of the show as well as Ricky Tim's Luminarium that will follow our show directly. I hope everyone is signing up for all the classes. There will also be lectures, presentations and entertainment for your participation.

I am happy to inform you the caterer has been enlisted to feed you when the need arises during the show. The Convention Centre has been cooperative in all our requests and will make the show a pleasure again this year.

The most exciting news to the Members is that last week Mark, the Janome/ Elna representative from San Antonio, has made available an Elna Star. He has included the extension table as well as the quilting foot package. There will be a drawing for the machine during the January Guild meeting. Each book of Opportunity Quilt tickets will receive a ticket for the drawing. If you sell five books, you will receive five tickets for the drawing. You do not need to be present during the drawing to win the sewing machine. It certainly will be worth your while to get as many entries as possible by selling more books of tickets. The committee has tickets available for you to sell. This applies to those away from the Valley for the summer as well. Contact Jan Baethke to book the quilt at your park, community events or at Fiestas to spark sales.

Keep up the good work on the military service quilts. I understand we will have a good display again this year.
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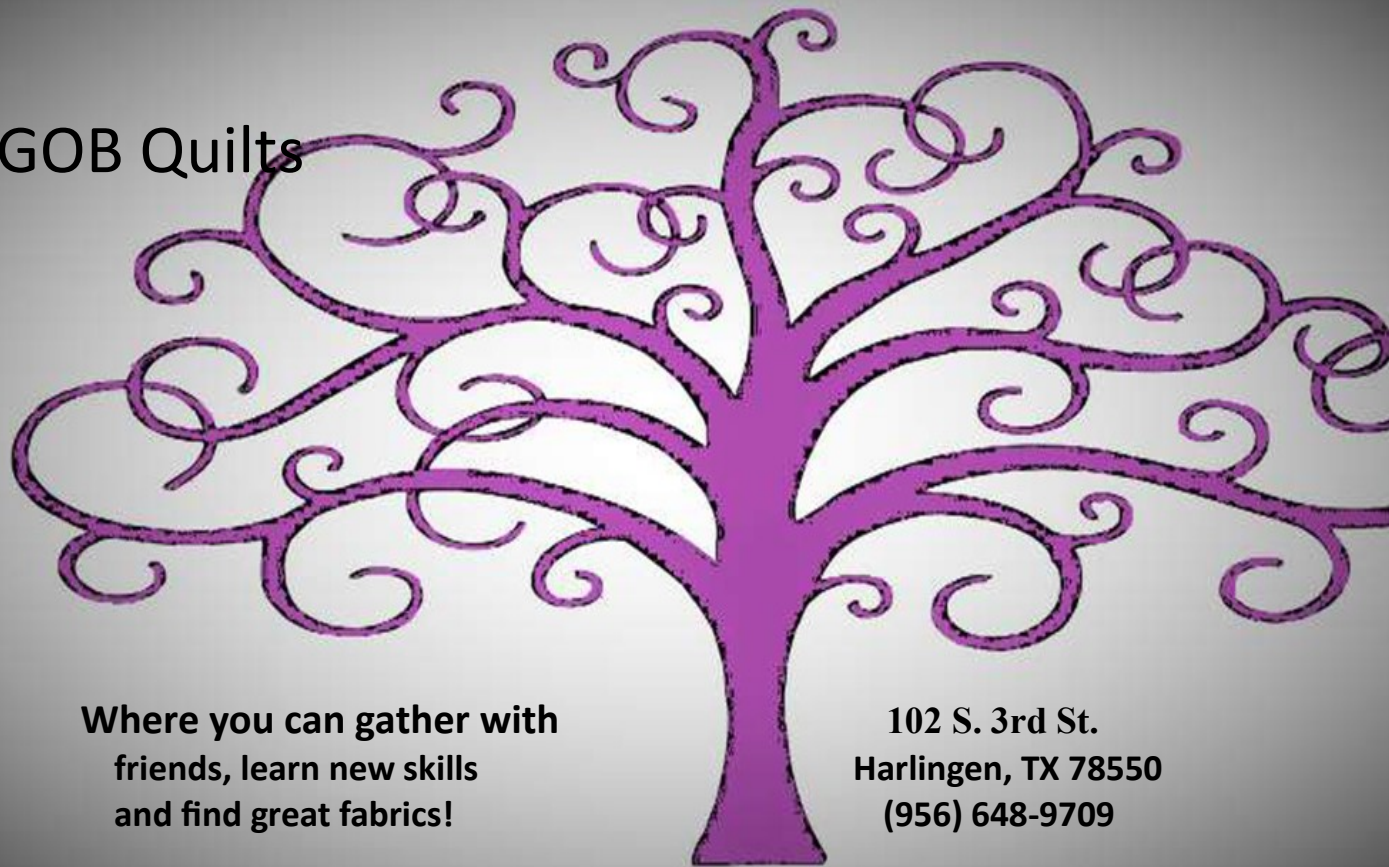
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