

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

Wow, a lady with so much to share. If you attended our Saturday Guild meeting you had the pleasure of learning a bit about creating your own custom fabrics. The emphasis was on an easy way to create backgrounds, especially skies that could be used in landscape quilting. I wonder how many will incorporate this skill into their landscape or other quilts. If you weren't able to make it, maybe we could encourage our speaker, **Jean Waufile** to teach a Schoolhouse class to share more of her techniques for personal usage to be incorporated in quilts for our Quilt Show.

We are continuously seeking **SPEAKERS** for our summer programs. Many of you have talents which could be shared. Judy Brown would love to hear from you.

We also need more volunteers to help sustain participation in our Guild. We don't want to burn out our present **Committee Chairpersons** and **Officers** - therefore it is that time again to elect - 1st Vice President – Membership, 2nd Vice President- Community Service, and Treasurer. Current Officers are willing to share the duties of their office to ensure the position is Your positive fit. The incoming and outgoing officers will be joined at the hip, so to speak, ensuring a smooth transition into office. Unfortunately the positions of 1st Vice President – Membership and Treasurer have served their 4 year term limit and cannot be nominated. If no candidates come forward for the positions, the current officers can continue as per the exception in the By-Laws. A nominating committee is being formed to present a slate of candidates for these offices at the October 13th Meeting and Voting will be at the November 10th Meeting with installation at the January 12, 2019 Guild Meeting. All interested Guild Members in good standing should submit a resume in person or email to: President@rgvqg.com. THIS IS YOUR GUILD – ASSIST IN IT'S GROWTH.

2021 QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON: Would you like to be the 2021 Quilt Show Chairperson? Now is the time to volunteer and walk hand in hand with Debi and Marcia learning all the ins and outs of behind the scenes of a Quilt Show. Think it over seriously or there cannot be a Quilt Show without a chairperson.

Several of our members have been affected by the recent floods – our thoughts and prayers are with all as they survive this negative impact.

So much going on with the guild for the remainder of this year – just keep checking the website, www.rgvqg.com... The guild is so fortunate to have talented members willing to share their talents with fellow members. Thank you to all who share.

REMEMBER – September 8th is Friendship Day and October 13th is Rummage Sale. Time to clear out that ole stash – ones stash is another's treasure...

I am looking forward to our next meeting on August 11th – 9AM - so mark your calendar.

We are all bound together by a common thread – quilting!
See Ya! Kathe



Calendar

Guild Meeting:

Saturday Aug 11, 2018,
9:00 am to noon

Alamo Recreational Vehicle Park
(Alamo Rec-Veh, Main Hall
1320 W Frontage Road
Alamo TX 78516

Carpooling is encouraged.

Program: Lila Helm

Machine Embroidery
Using Mixed Media in Quilting

Board Meeting:

Wednesday Aug 8, 2018 9:30 am
at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting
School.

1623 N Tower Rd,
Alamo, TX 78516

Military Service Quilts:

60" x 72" finished
Red, white and blue
combinations, Contact Carla
Mewhinney or Renee Darkis
for more information.

Programs:

Sep: Friendship Day

Oct: Rummage Sale

Nov: Karen K Stone

Dec: Carly Mul





FRIENDSHIP DAY
THEME: Island Time
September 8, 2018
10AM – 3 PM
Alamo Rec Veh

Maggie Putney has been diligently working to ensure all attendees will have a fun time for Friendship Day.

NEEDED: We have four members who have Volunteered to assist hosting FRIENDSHIP DAY – September 8th - Salad/Dessert Luncheon. Loads of fun..... Requesting more help – so if interested: please call or text Maggie Putney (CHAIRPERSON) – (956) 342-2667.

A signup sheet was available at the July Meeting – and we know some of our members were unable to attend the July meeting and may not attend the August meeting – please phone or text Maggie to get your name on the list and which luncheon item you will be preparing to be served – Salad or Dessert.

This year all attendees are requested to come dressed in Island Beachy Attire and design a Beachy themed hat to be worn as an accessory to the Beachy Attire. This will be so exciting to see the variety of thought processes that have developed the dress for the theme: Island Time.

Thank you for your time and effort –

Maggie Putney – Chairman – (956) 342-2667.

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2018

Kathe LeTulle, President, opened the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The June minutes were posted in the June newsletter. No changes or corrections were made. The minutes are filed as posted.

Treasurer – Karon Jacobson: \$1,721.82 balance in the checking.

Membership – Bonnie Hall: 310 members. Bonnie, webmaster for the guild, said the registration for quilts at the 2019 quilt show is now available on line. Any web issues please contact her at membership@rgvqg.com. Bonnie distributed a voluntary survey from a professor at the University of California, San Diego. The professor is doing a Study on Quilting and Copyright. A stamped envelope is included for the return of the survey.

Sunshine and Shadows - Maggie Putney: Judy Brown was sent a card.

Friendship Day – Maggie Putney: Maggie is asking for a couple of volunteers to help with the event which is September 8th. Maggie is working on a beachy theme. Sign up to bring a salad or dessert.

School House Classes – Sandy Gurney: Sandy reminded the membership that the classes are listed on line and sign up may be done on line. The classes are \$10.00.

Block of the Month – Bonnie Cassidy: The July (red, white, blue) blocks will be donated to the Military Service Quilt Committee. There will not be a block for August, Sept and October. The November block is December 26/Shooting Star. See the newsletter for the information on completing the block. Names of those that make blocks are put into a drawing. The winner for the month receives all blocks turned in. If the member completes a project with the blocks and brings it to the following month meeting, he or she will receive a \$25.00 certificate to attend any of the guild classes. Bonnie Cassidy was the June winner. She made a mug rug.

Community Service – Rick Redd: Consider donating the completed block of the month project to the community service committee for use with the neo-natal quilts. June CS totals were: Items – 407, Hours – 728, Value - \$5,278.00. The semi-annual value is \$153,265.00.

Programs – Lila Helm: All the classes are listed on line. Registration is available for each class on line. They are each available 6 months prior to their class date. In May the November class was available. June the December class was available. July the January Class is available. Please check on line for the detail and dates of each of the classes.

Newsletter – Diane Wolf: Reminding everyone that the 15th of the month the articles are due for the newsletter.

2019 Quilt Show – Debi Warner: February 15-16, 2019 is the date of the show. Today you can pick up your quilt show pin when you pay for your opportunity quilt tickets. New boutique items were shown and received. The Quilters Walk, a raffle of totes and bags were reviewed by Linda Haderer. Debi and her husband donated a wooden tote that included lobster themed items. Check the quilt show tab on the RGVQG web page for information on the show.

Library – Vicki Guerra: The library will not be available at the September and October meetings.

Other business: 49 members and 6 guests were present today.

Fat Quarter Draw

Door Prizes

Block of the Month

Show and Tell

Each member is encouraged to wear name tags. Next month, a .50 cent charge will be requested from those that come without their name tags.

Nominating committee for the 2019 election of Treasurer, Membership, and Community Service will be Kathe LeTulle, Joy Paugh, Karyn Heaney and Maggie Putney. One other guild member is needed for the committee.

Valerie Williams read a speech given by her daughter who is a retired Navy, on the appreciation of the armed forces.

Jean Waufle presented a program on use of mixed media in quilting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Paugh, secretary.

Austin Area Quilt Guild Quiltfest

The Austin Area Quilt Guild is hosting our bi-annual Quilt Show September 28 - 30, 2018. **The 2018 Capital Of Texas Quiltfest** will be held at the Palmer Events Center in downtown Austin. We are extending an invitation to your Guild members to join us for this three day event.

The 2018 AAQG Quiltfest will feature over 400 quilts created by members of AAQG for your viewing pleasure. Included in our show are:

Raffle Quilt	Special Exhibits
Silent Auction	Boutique of handmade items
Over 60 vendors	Demonstrations daily

Individual tickets are \$10 at the door or can be purchased on Yapsody in advance for expedited entrance into the show.

If you will be arriving in a bus of 15 or more people, the price is \$8 per person. Contact Sandy Pigford (spigford@austin.rr.com) for payment and details about meeting your bus for rapid entry into the show.

We hope that you will give the information about our show to your members at your next meeting, in your newsletter, website and social media. You can also visit www.captxquiltfest.org to see our beautiful Raffle Quilt, "Infinity", created by members of our Guild. Pattern by Jacqueline de Jonge.



***Exciting new addition to our 37th Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show on
South Padre Island, Feb. 15-16, 2019!***

The Quilters' Walk

What is it? An opportunity to win a new, handmade Purse, Tote, Bag, or container filled with surprises.

Create and Donate! Bring to the Guild meeting to be voted on for the best of the best. Deadline, Dec. 8th, 2018.

Each creation needs to show off our talents – something you'd like to have yourself!

Ideas:

Quilters gift bag or tote filled with material, notions, gift cards

Purses with special items and travel theme

Wine tote (filled)

Cooking

Any theme that will spark interest!

Created by one person, or several, or even a bee!

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Get your talents and creative juices going!!! Solicit restaurants for gift cards, quilts shops, etc. The sky is the limit!

Compile a complete list of your special treasures as the contents in the surprise.

Questions? Ask or call Linda Haderer 956-425-4362

The surprises are guaranteed to produce happy winners and will benefit the Guild with the proceeds!

Catagories for the 2019 Quilt Show

These descriptions may be used to assist quilters in selecting categories to register their entries. Registration will take place on the RGV Quilt Guild Web page. An announcement will be made when registration opens.

WALLHANGINGS: This category includes ANY entry that is pieced, embroidered, appliqued, whole cloth, hand and/or machine quilted specifically made to be hung on the wall.

ART QUILTS: These must be an original design by the quilt maker. These may utilize multiple techniques, include embellishments, thread painting, beading, painting on fabric, photography on fabric, etc.

QUILTS: These will be placed in one of the following sub categories based on their perimeter.

SMALL: Perimeter is less than 250 inches.

MEDIUM: Perimeter is greater than 250 inches and less than or equal to 325 inches.

LARGE: Perimeter is greater than 325 inches and less than or equal to 480 inches. Quilts with a total perimeter over 480" will NOT be accepted for this show.

HAND WORK: HAND quilted, embroidered, applique, etc. Over 50% must be hand work.

MACHINE WORK: Artistry of the machine quilting, machine embroidery, or machine applique. Over 50% must be machine work.

WEARABLE: Clothing, jackets, christening gowns, skirts, vests, and accessories such as purses, bags, totes, shoes, slippers and hats.

HOME DECOR: Placemats, table runners, potholders, dolls, fabric bowls, and children's toys such as play mats and bumper pads.

YOUTH: A youth quilter must be 18 years of age or younger and hadn't yet graduated from high school when the item was made. Their entry may match any of the above categories. A youth quilter may make a Challenge or Chair's Choice quilt, but, it must be entered in that category.

CHALLENGE: "A Love for Nature" See [2019 Challenge Quilt Rules](#).

2019 CHAIR'S CHOICE: *Best use of recycled material.* Quilts entered in this category must have a **top** that has at least 50% recycled material. Recycled is defined as having had a previous life as a garment, previous quilt, or object. Material which had not been previously USED and has been acquired from sale, swap, or rescue from a scrap bin does NOT count as recycled. The quilt back and batting need not be recycled. For example, if the quilt is wool applique, it must have 50% of its material from wool coats, skirts, old blankets, etc. Please address any questions to quiltshow@rgvqg.com.

Submitted June 10, 2018

RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

You may now pay for your membership [online](#) using a credit card or PayPal. If you are not sure you paid your dues for 2018, you can verify by checking the sign-in sheet at the guild meetings. If you are no longer on the sign-in sheet, you have not yet paid your 2018 dues; you will have to pay the \$10 guest fee (or pay the \$25 membership) to attend any more meetings.

We have **310** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 07/14/2018.

We will start taking membership dues for 2019 at the October meeting.

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 – none for July.

Welcome back returning members – none for July.

Welcome back renewing members – none for July.

I will not publish address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is 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)

Programs Update

To round out the summer, we have Lila Helm presenting on machine embroidery with quilting in August, Friendship in September, and Rummage Sale in October.

In **November** we are excited to welcome **Karen K. Stone**. Registration is open now with Little Things the Count almost full. Karen is one of the three teachers in Houston offering a progressive class. Her other class in Houston is \$96, compared to a day with her at RGVQG for only \$45 (and no travel or lodging expenses.) Lets fill both of her classes this month.

December we have **Carly Mul** of WebFabrics coming. Carly has a weekly newsletter which shares so much of fabric industry news. She is the most knowledgeable that I have found about the industry as a whole and has agreed to gather samples of new products from the Houston Market for dealers in November and provide them to us for her December meeting lecture. I am sure you will enjoy her and learn so much at the meeting. In further discussions with her, we have decided to change the class from the sewing machine to the scissors as she indicates that more color study is included and it is a more popular class. Here is a photo of a few recent students creating these scissors. What fun for our sewing rooms! If you are going to the Houston Festival, you will see WebFabrics in a large booth approximately in the center of the show floor.



Programs (continued)

In **February** we have two experts coming — **Weeks Ringle** for our meeting and **Cathy Geier** (landscape quilts) for the Quilt Show. I am so excited that we were able to bring Weeks to our Guild. She is very popular and a great teacher and lecturer. Check Weeks out at www.modernquiltstudio.com, www.craftnectar.com or on Facebook. You will be able to sign up for either of Week's classes in August as well as Cathy's at the Quilt Show.

We have changed the classes for **March** with **Judy Gauthier** as there was so much interest in her umbrella classes. We will have two umbrella classes and one hexagon class. Her class will also be given in Houston in November, but the costs is \$93 + materials. (Your cost in March will be \$45, plus no travel or lodging. You can sign up in September.)



Pictured is the umbrella I made at her class this summer. It was so much fun and the frame is quality. The description of her umbrella class is:

These umbrellas are a delight and a thrill to make. I have yet to have a customer not be excited beyond belief when they finish one. They are not difficult to make. They can be personalized for college students with school colors or made for using as a sun shade. They are very functional as a rain umbrella.

In this class you will make a 48" umbrella. The umbrella is made by sewing your chosen cotton fabric together into wedges, and then it is applied to the frame. Basic sewing knowledge is required.

After these are sewn with cotton, they are waterproofed with a waterproof spray that is suitable for waterproofing camping equipment. There are many excellent brands on the market.

For those going to the Houston Festival, one of the special exhibits is "Quilts for Scrap Lovers" from Judy's Books. Be sure to check it out.

Judy Brown, Programs chair



Bee News



Killer Bees:

We are enjoying summer here at the killer bees.

We have had a demo of our favorite tools and new tools, very informative. Some ladies are good at adapting tools typically not really meant for sewing.

Last week we sewed pull string totes for the young people coming thru our foster home systems. A never ending supply is needed and we are happy to fill a small part of it. We finished these and planned a sew day for more next Thursday at 9AM, bring your machine or serger and join the fun.

Retzler Hall in Sunshine Estates CC in Harlingen, Tx.

Military Service Quilts

Patrick Hawkins, VA Texas Valley Health Care System, gladly took possession of 62 quilts and 33 wheelchair quilts on Tuesday the 17th. A total of 95 quilts! Congratulations to the dedication and hard work of our outstanding members. The recent flooding will impact many veterans in the Valley and we are glad to help.

That donation emptied the "coffers". It is time to get busy again to get ready for the fall season when temperatures drop and there is a greater need. We only have 19 bundled quilts ready for volunteers. Remember you can quilt these on your regular machine. We will be bundling the 40 quilt tops we have right now in the near future. If you would like to get a quilt or two to work on just call

Renee at 812-890-1572 or Carla Mewhinney. Thanks for the work!

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT June 2018

TOTAL ITEMS.....407
 TOTAL HOURS.....728
 TOTAL VALUE.....\$5278.00



Donated to:
 Resurrection Respite
 Wesley UNC
 Renascence Respite

Donated by:
 Various Guild Members
 Seam Rippers
 Killer Bees
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 Glenda Davis

End of Second Quarter

Items 4359 Hours 21036 Worth \$153,265.00

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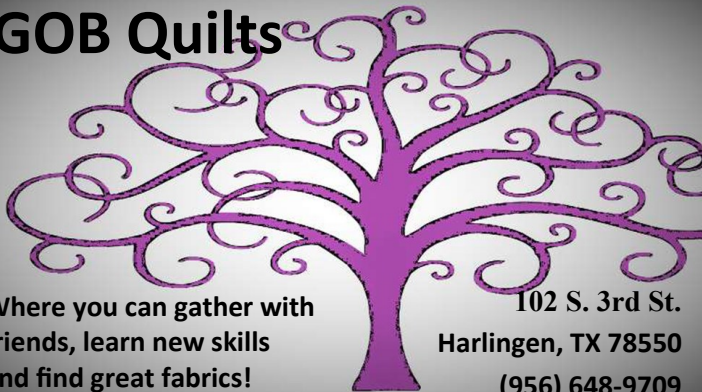
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