

# Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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## PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

### FRIENDSHIP DAY

If you unable to attend Friendship Day, you really missed a heartwarming day. Maggie Putney, Judi Swanda, and Deb Yeager did an awesome job...Project Teachers - Deb Yeager, Rene Darkis, Bonnie Hall and I had a great time teaching small projects. "Not Your Grandmothers Bingo" was played by all attendees with much interaction among members and guests, as well as socializing. Door Prizes were given - AND of course FOOD, FOOD, and more FOOD with the blessing given by Bonnie Cassidy! Everyone had a grand time especially Maggie with this project.

**Thank you Maggie Putney for volunteering to orchestrate the 2019 Friendship Day Event!**

Anyone wish to volunteer to be the next Newspaper Editor? No need to know Publisher, as Microsoft Word can also be used publish the newsletter. There will be a learning curve as we all know, but just think – Diana Wolf (current Newsletter Editor) will assist and guide you through all challenges. You will not be left HIGH AND DRY!

This is the last year with Karen Dill as Schoolhouse Chairman. We need someone to step up and volunteer to take over that position. As Karen says – "the purpose is to secure members to teach classes during November, December, January, February and March". Many times the members will volunteer without having to be approached. And think – attendees sign up on line which means less handling of money for the chairman, a **big** plus.

IF YOU SEE A WAY TO VOLUNTEER for any of the two positions, please contact me: [president@rgvqg.com](mailto:president@rgvqg.com) and I can email you the duties so you can make a well educated decision.

### **REMEMBER - RUMMAGE SALE DAY**

Be sure to begin gathering those items for the rummage sale October 13th at 9AM with a short meeting in the annex prior to the all enjoyable Sale. Ones no longer needed items are another's treasure. We all love to find bargains and treasure hunt.

And by the way – the Guild has an opening for the 2021 Quilt Show Chairman. This is an opportunity not belabor as you will have time to be with the next two years chairman to learn all the ropes.. Your selected committee will have time to prepare as well. Easy Job because the duties are all defined and follow through will be a breeze. ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE? Just tell me you wish to volunteer.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone for RUMMAGE SALE DAY - so mark your calendar.

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

See Ya There!

Kathe



## Calendar

### **Guild Meeting:**

Saturday Oct 13, 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:**

### **Board Meeting:**

Wednesday Oct 10, 2018, 1 pm  
at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting  
School.

1623 N Tower Rd,  
Alamo, TX 78516

Quilt Show Board: same place,  
check with chair for start time.

### **Military Service Quilts:**

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

### **Programs:**

Nov: Karen K Stone  
Trunk Show, Lecture topic TBA

Dec: Carly Mul  
Trends in Quilting

Feb: Weeks Ringle  
Transforming Traditions:  
Modernism and Quilts



## Programs Update - Judy Brown

Winter Texans are beginning their Fall migrations South, RGVQG residents are returning from vacations, and we all are excited about our new RGVQG program season. Our initial expert teacher/lecturer, **Karen K. Stone**, will be joining us on November 15-17.

Innovation and tradition motivate Karen K. Stone, a quilter since 1986. Her quilts have won numerous awards, including first prizes in international competitions, and her designs appear frequently in exhibitions and on magazine covers. Her quilt, Clam Session, was awarded Master of Innovative Artistry at the 2009 International Quilt Festival, and her Indian Orange Peel quilt was the People's Choice at Quilt National 1995.

Having enjoyed incredible success in design, publication, and teaching, Karen finds no greater satisfaction than hand-stitching binding onto a newly quilted piece, with the possible exception of students returning to report that they're having a lot more fun quilting since taking her class. Karen holds degrees in piano from Baylor and Indiana Universities and lives in Beaumont, Texas. Her website is [www.karenkstone.com](http://www.karenkstone.com).

Spots are still available to register. See the program page on the new [RGVQG.com](http://RGVQG.com) website.

December we are welcoming **Carly Mul** to talk about the quilting fabric market and to share with us new designs and trends not yet available in quilt shops. She is teaching a class on collage which is a lot of fun! if you've never done it. Spots are also available to register. In December we will also be announcing our 2019 - 2020 speaker schedule.

As always, please contact [programs@RGVQG.com](mailto:programs@RGVQG.com) with any questions or suggestions.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

-- C. S. Lewis

## RETREAT UPDATES

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying this wonderful summer. We have been in New Hampshire with family. The weather has not cooperated but we have had our raincoats always handy! It has been fun but now it is time to start thinking about our March retreats and celebrating the 20th Annual Retreat.

I have arranged to have polo shirts available with the guild logo embroidered on them. Kathy Webber has done a super job and you will love these shirts. Since the traditional gift for the 20th anniversary is emerald, I have chosen emerald to be the color for the shirts. Kathy is charging \$15 for a quality embroidered polo shirt. There are no up charges. This is the price you pay. This is a real deal and I hope all will purchase one.

I will have sample shirts to try on so that you get the correct size. Cash or check will be accepted when you order. You should get your shirt at the following meeting.

The second thing I want to mention is that each retreator should bring a block with them to the retreat. Patterns will be available and the white fabric for the block will be given to everyone. The Friendship Star Retreat block is a red Friendship Star. The Bluebonnet Friends Retreat block is a log cabin bluebonnet.

The blocks sew up quickly. I will have sample with me along with fabric. These blocks will be part of the celebration decorations. Afterwards, they will be made into a memory quilt.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. - Karyn Heaney

# Ways to raise money for our guild. Bonnie Hall

## Amazon Smile

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of an Amazon Smile item to your favorite charity. They recognize the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as a charity. Not all Amazon items are eligible for Amazon Smile, but many are

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Select a new charitable organization to support.

## Craftsy

Click the Craftsy icon at the bottom of any of the [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) pages whenever you want to buy something from Craftsy. A portion of the purchase amount will be collected for our guild. You must use the Craftsy icon that is on our [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) pages. You can also use the following URL

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Bookmark it for ease of access.

## Facebook Birthday Fundraiser

[Facebook Birthday Fundraiser Help](#)

## RGVQG Membership

We have **311** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 09/08/2018.

We have started taking online membership dues for 2019. We will start taking cash and checks (online is preferred) 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** – Barbara Montemayor.

**Welcome back returning members** – Doris Magiera.

**Welcome back renewing members** – Sandi Carstensen, Bonnie Hall, Barbara McMillen.

I will not publish address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is available online on the Members Only page. You will need a password to open both the Members Only (same as 2018 directory without the numbers) page and the directory. Your 2019 membership ID cards will have the info needed to access both the Members Only page the online directory on the back of the ID card.

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

## Moda Wooly Challenge



### Tote Bag Challenge

OCT 15, 2018 - JAN 15, 2019

*Ignite your inner passion and create something original & beautiful!*



**#MODAWOOLYCHALLENGE**

*This Challenge is to award and ignite your inner passion for creating something interesting, beautiful, creative and personal.*

Who doesn't want a beautiful "Carry All" Bag that expresses who you are?

<b>WHO:</b>	All Quilters, Sewists, and Artists who would like to create a beautiful wool felt bag and release their creative passion.
<b>WHEN:</b>	Challenge begins Oct 15, 2018 thru Jan 15, 2019 The Top 5 winners will be announced at Quilt Con – Feb 20, 2019 The Winners will be on display in the Moda Booth during Quilt Con Feb 20 – Feb 24, 2019
<b>WHAT:</b>	The bag components come in a kit (#4594) available from your local quilt shop or an online retailer. The bag base must be constructed to exact pattern specifications. Embellishments including fabric, ribbon, embroidery, buttons, beads, etc... are your creative design. No limit to the number of entries.
<b>WHERE:</b>	The entry form can be found below starting on Oct 15, 2018 until Jan 15, 2019

### PRIZE AWARDS

**First Place:** Bernina 535 – \$3499.00 MSRP

**Second Place:** Bernina 330 – \$1399.00 MSRP

**Third Place:** Gift Basket – \$500.00 Value

**Fourth Place:** Gift Basket – \$250.00 Value

**Fifth Place:** Gift Basket – \$100.00 Value

*A front and back photo of the bag and completed entry form must be received no later than Jan. 15, 2019. Entry form with Image Upload will be available beginning Oct. 15, 2018 at the*

## Fall exhibits feature Kaffe Fassett, “Lights,” and Millefiori!

September 17, 2018—La Grange, TX—The Texas Quilt Museum presents three exciting exhibits for this fall, including one by a legendary artist and innovator. They will run October 4 through December 23, 2018. Museum curator Dr. Sandra Sider describes the trio as “a magnificent array of quilted art bursting with originality, color, and luminosity.” Kaffe Fassett’s love of color imbues his designs in knitwear, needlepoint, and patchwork, as can be seen in the exhibit ***Bold By Design: Kaffe Fassett Quilts***. It will feature 23 of his works from his prolific library of patchwork and quilting publications.

Born in San Francisco, Fassett settled in London during the 1960s, where he pursued painting as a studio artist. Inspired by the colors of Shetland woolen yarns, he learned to knit, and his multihued creations were soon sought after by fashion designers and celebrities alike.

Famous worldwide as a textile and quilt artist as well as a teacher of design and color theory, Kaffe Fassett has published more than 30 books, sharing his craft with quilters around the globe.

“I am very happy with the curator’s bold choices of quilts that make up *Bold By Design*,” Fassett notes. “And I am delighted to see my quilts at the Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange, a charming Texas town.” Fassett will also give a lecture titled “Glorious Colors” at the Museum on Tuesday, October 30, from 6-8 p.m. Admission is \$25 and tickets are limited. The talk is designed to inspire and motivate quilters to see their creative world through the harmonies of brilliant colors. The presentation highlights work from his latest projects, including patchwork quilt, fabric, needlepoint, mosaic, painting, and knitting designs. A tremendous amount of Fassett’s inspiration comes from his continual travels. His lecture is designed to empower and inspire listeners to develop their creative “mind’s eye.”

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session and a signing for Fassett’s new book, *Quilts in America*. Tickets include a discount on the book which will be available for purchase on the Museum’s website soon.

Next, ***Selections from Light Show by the Contemporary Quilt Art Association*** demonstrates that the quality of reflected light from textile sources can provide a special type of luster, with the finishing process of the fabrics imparting a subtle sheen. Quilting stitches often enhance the nuances of light seen in textile art, and the 12 works in this exhibit are no exception.

Founded in 1986 for makers in the State of Washington, the Contemporary Quilt Art Association is the oldest art quilt organization in the United States. As a group, CQA members are diverse in their design styles, choices of media, and working techniques. The only constant is that CQA members continue to expand the definition of the art quilt, especially as new materials and techniques are developed. And finally, traditional quilters have long utilized hexagons in their creations. Our juror for ***Dazzling Millefiori Quilts***, Museum Registrar Vicki Mangum, comments “there has been a resurgence of interest in this single-shape style. The Texas Quilt Museum is featuring a unique selection of colorful hexagon-based quilts in this exhibit.” All of the 14 works on display are based on designs from Katja Marek’s project book, *The New Hexagon: 52 Blocks to English Paper Piece*, with the artists hailing from California, Missouri, Nevada, and Texas.

**The Texas Quilt Museum is located at 140 W. Colorado St., La Grange, TX 78945. It is open Thursdays-Saturdays from 10 am-4 pm, and Sundays from Noon-4 pm. Visit [TexasQuiltMuseum.org](http://TexasQuiltMuseum.org). You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter. Media: For visuals or interviews, contact Bob Ruggiero, Vice President of Communications, at [bobr@quilts.com](mailto:bobr@quilts.com) or call 713-781-6864, ext. 116.**



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# Bee News



**Killer Bees:** The Killer Bees in Harlingen have been busy even with just a few members here. We have been doing our bears for charity and even had a fun demo by one of our members. She showed us how to use a hot glue gun, waxed paper and paint to color our material. And the results were great.

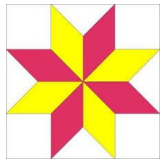
One of our knitters is learning to quilt and having a ball. She is an inspiration to all of us.

We meet on Thursday Mornings at the Retzlaff Hall In Sunshine CC. Come visit

One of the items the Killer Bees are donating to the Quilt Walk is a lobster themed bag, with at least an apron, hot pads, bibs and a few other items. Someone will win a scrumptious meal.

Row Quilters have decided on a gardening theme for their donation to the Quilt Walk. There are some decidedly seedy items inside, some helpful hints, some tools and items are still coming for inclusion. Some are working on a wall hanging with houses in a circle.

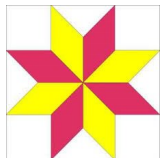
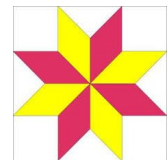
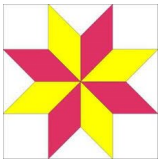
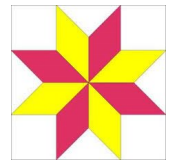
Sew Be It members are constructing blocks and making progress on their quilts.



## The Show is Getting Closer!



Summer slipped by quickly and I have to ask, **“Have YOU made a small quilt done for the silent auction at the quilt show? Do you have one started?”** It is time to get going. The next few months will pass quickly as our new season ramps up. This is one way to support our guild. Money raised goes to helping to run our guild and provide the great speakers we have come to the valley. Our library has books to help you find ideas; Pinterest has a ton of ideas. But take one of those UFOs that you find you don’t like now, finish it and turn it in. Surely it will appeal to someone. Your piece can be of any method but must measure 144 inches or less around the outside. Please put a label on it with the maker’s name, RGVOG, date and name of pattern if there is one. Questions? Judy Blum at [Judy.blum19@gmail.com](mailto:Judy.blum19@gmail.com)



# COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT Aug 2018



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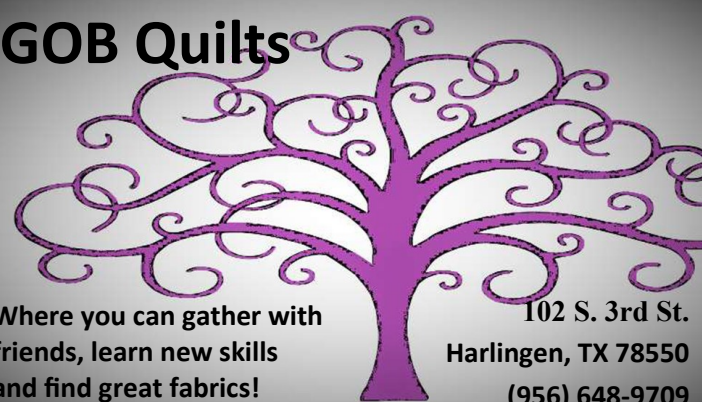
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