

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: November Guild Meeting will be the 3rd Saturday – November 17th. This is the only exception due to the dates of the Houston Quilt Festival.

REMEMBER - RUMMAGE SALE DAY and they did! 87 members, 2 new members and 10 guests attended the October Guild Meeting and Rummage Sale. Thank You to all as the day was a success. I had several requests that we do this again during the Winter Season; it was so much fun – slow down there. Once a year has been tradition and so far no plans to change – but one never knows!!!! All suggestions are discussed at the Guild Board Meetings.

November 6th is voting time again for our US and local government offices. If one expects a change, ones vote will count – so get out there and VOTE!

Anyone wish to volunteer to be the next Library Chairman? Diana Wolf wishes to remain as the Newsletter editor so if you have two (2) 5 foot spaces for library books – you could be the next chairman. Many of the requests are made on line for books to checkout and then returned at the next meeting. Each meeting a number of books are on the Library Table for members to checkout if you have not previously requested a book.

This is Karen Dills last year 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 just think – signing up on line means less handling of money for the chairman which is a plus.

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

And by the way – the Guild has an opening for the 2021 Quilt Show Chairman. This is an opportunity 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 let me know you wish to volunteer.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone for the November Meeting – November 17th - so mark your calendar.

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

See Ya There!



Calendar

Guild Meeting:

Saturday Nov **17**, 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: Karen K Stone
Trunk Show and Lecture

Board Meeting:

Wednesday Nov 14, 2018
Quilt Show Board, 9:30 am
Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
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:

Dec: Carly Mul, Trends from
Market - Designs, Thread, Colors
and Notions

Jan: TBA

Feb: Weeks Ringle, Transforming
Traditions: Modernism and
Quilts.

Mar: Judy Gauthier,
Quilts for Scrap
Lovers



RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD General Meeting, Saturday, October 13, 2018

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

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The September meeting was annual Friendship Day, therefore there was no minutes for that meeting.

Treasurer – Karon Jacobson: Bank Balance: \$1,590.07. Savings Balance: \$36,000.00 approximate.

November 17, 2018 will be our next general meeting. November is our annual Guild elections. This November the Membership (1st VP), Treasurer, and the Community Service positions are up for re-election.

2019 Rummage Sale – Evelyn Fincher: Today's rummage sale will begin once the general meeting has adjourned. Sellers, please take items that did not sell.

Block of the Month – Bonnie Cassidy: Please check the website and the September newsletter to see the Block of the Month for November.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: Polo Shirts are here to be ordered and paid for.

Programs – Judy Brown: Programs have been slated thru March 2020. Registration has been slow for this season. Karen Kay Stones class for November has openings. The Guild is proud to be able to provide classes for the nationally recognized teacher for \$45.00. Any other place they would be much higher. The new website is up and running. The website is readable and useable on phones and tablets as well as laptops and desktops. Hosts are needed for speakers in 2019. Please see Judy Brown if your Bee would like to help host a speaker. Responsibility is airport pickup/delivery, pickup and deliver for classes and Guild meeting, possibly meals with your Bee. Please check the website for the 2019/2020 classes and register for a class.

Military Service Quilts – Renee Darkis: The Guild provides quilts to veterans in the valley. Renee and Carla have about 50 quilts bundled and ready for quilting. See Renee to pick up a quilt.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: Diana encouraged Bee's to send her a sentence or two of what activity their Bee has been involved in. These make great articles for the newsletter. The deadline for October newsletter articles is Monday, October 15, 2018.

2019 Quilt Show – Debi Warner: Quilters Walk (raffle of themed bags) – two bags were shown today. Debi encourages those who have made bags for the Quilters Walk to bring them to the November and December meeting for show and tell. Boutique items turned in for the quilt show were visors, kitchen boas, and small pouches. Registration of quilts can be done at a BEE location, please see Bonnie or Mike Hall. The word from Debi was REGISTER for the quilt show. Register to volunteer, register a quilt, register for programs and classes, register for hotels. Subie Redd showed a sample base for the banners being displayed at the participating hotels, restaurants, as well as the birding and turtle centers. Members will supply the fabric and complete the 'quilted' base. Subie will add the dates etc. of the 2019 quilt show. Blue Bay and SunChaser are 2 additional hotels that will provide special rates for the quilt show.

Membership – Bonnie Hall: The membership cost is \$25.00. The membership can be purchased on line. The membership cards will be distributed the meeting after your registration. The back of the membership card shows the password to the protected member information on the website.

Guild programs being held at the Alamo Rec-Veh require chair and table set up. If you are presenting at the meeting and need specific set up, please connect with Judi Swanda.

Volunteers are needed for these positions: Librarian, School House Classes, and Newsletter. See Kathe LeTulle if you are interested.

Dale Shafer is teaching a School House Class on fabric boxes on November 29. Dale will provide varying sizes for the fabric boxes.

Reminder: The November 17 meeting will experience a larger attendance, as the Winter Texans will be returning. Parking at the Alamo Rec-Veh must be done on the north side of the street leading east. Do not park on the south side in the large spaces, your vehicle will be towed away. Watch signs and park accordingly.

At the January 2019 Guild meeting the mini-quilts and the challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on. Mike Hall is encouraging the membership to enter quilts in these categories. Also, in order for these quilts to be in the 2019 Quilt Show they need to be registered by the end of January 2019.

Volunteer Sign Up for work at the 2019 Quilt Show can be done at the November Guild meeting. The Quilt Show is February 15 and 16 at the Padre Island Convention Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Paugh, Secretary.

Fat Quarter Draw....

You may have to reorganize your stash!

Get ready for the fat $\frac{1}{4}$ draw at the Guild meetings, Bring lots of dollars and meet the new ladies heading this up...Esther Schmidt and Sandy Gurney.

We have lots of pretty fat $\frac{1}{4}$'s ready for you to win from the shops in Texas and Missouri Star. Some designers are Red Rooster, Micheal Miller and Waltz Across Tx. So come and get your tickets. There are still 4 quarters in each bundle.

You may be one of the lucky winners!



Please be careful where you park for Guild meetings at Alamo Rec-Veh.



Just a gentle reminder when attending the monthly meetings to please not park in an RV spot. The Winter Texans are returning and will need these spaces to park their RV's. Please park in the parking areas on the north side of the road.

Have you picked up your Opportunity Quilt tickets for the 2019 Show?

Have you seen this years Show pin? "This Land is our Land"

Beautiful! Well, you can get your Show pin, Now! before the show! Just by selling your tickets! Return your ticket stubs, \$20.00 and receive your 2019 Quilt Show pin!

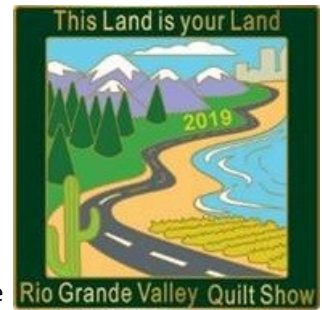
Also....with each book sold you will receive a ticket for a drawing of a \$150.00 gift certificate to either GOB Quilt Shop or A Block Away Quilt Shop.

Opportunity Quilt Ticket sales are an important part in supporting our Guild. Please help by stopping by the ticket table and picking up your envelope of 4 books of tickets.

Each book is 6 tickets for \$5.00 or they are \$1.00 individually.

If you are not able to pick up your tickets let me know, we will make arrangements to get them to you so you can get your show pin and gift certificate drawing tickets.

Diane Tewell, Quilt Show Treasurer



More good stuff on next pages!

The Calhoun County Texas Quilt Guild is presenting its 2nd Biennial Judged Quilt Show

Our Judged Quilt Show offers prize monies to our entry winners.

Show dates: Friday, February 15th 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday, February 16th 9 am – 4 pm

Admission: \$5.00 for adults per day and \$4.00 for students aged 5-18

Venue: Bauer Community Center, 2300 N. Hwy 35, Port Lavaca, TX

We will have fabulous quilts, raffles for Sewing Machine, Guild Challenge of Mermaids, Special Area for our Rising Star Quilts (5-18 year old entrants), Vendors, Scissor Sharpening, Marketplace and amazing raffle baskets/prizes. The Grapevine will provide food and drink.

Our Beautiful “Ocean Odyssey” Quilt tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Drawing held Saturday, February 16th at 3 pm.

For information please call Gloria Trollinger at 281.658.9181 or email: Gloria.trollinger@yahoo.com or Pat Forbes at 210.215.1640 or email: pforbes@flash.net

Additionally, please go to our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/566228780231694/> and look under Files for rules, entry form and additional information.

News from the Quilt Show Committee

Quilt Registration

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to register your quilts for the 37th Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show. Quilt registration is available online, and now with the new website registrations can be done from your computer, tablet or smartphone. If you are having computer issues, Bonnie Hall will also be set up at the November 17th Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild meeting to register quilts. So bring them for Show-n-Share and then get them registered. Additionally, if your Bee would like to register quilts at one of their meetings, have the Bee Keeper contact Bonnie Hall to make arrangements.

Hotels for Quilt Show

The hotels with special deals for the Quilt Show weekend are filling up fast. So if you have not made your reservations, try to make them soon. The full list of hotels is posted on the RGVQG website. Two new hotels have just been added: Blue Bay Inn & Suites and Suites at Sunchase.

Quilters Walk

During the 37th Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show, the Quilters Walk will feature Themed Totes. Attendees can buy tickets to put in jars in front of the tote they wish to win. At the end of the day, winners will be drawn for each of the totes for that day of the quilt show.

We are looking for people, groups, and/or Bees to make and fill totes for the Quilters Walk. Here are two totes made by Lynne Benson. One is a beach bag filled with beach stuff, and the other is a travel bag filled with travel items.

If you have a finished tote for the Quilters Walk, bring it to the next Rio Grande Quilt Guild Meeting for Show-n-Share. We can't wait to see them all!



Program News

Judy Brown, Program Chair

We are ready for a **great** year with national speakers/trainers. Don't miss Karen K. Stone in November or Carly Mul in December. There is space available in all classes. This is a rare opportunity for you. If you are unable to register online, please contact me and we'll work something out.

If you are interested in escorting one of our teachers to dinner, please let me know. This is a wonderful opportunity and those who have participated have reported a great time.

In January we will have a special presentation on batting. More details soon.

Programs have been scheduled through March 2020. Details will be announced in December.

RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

We have **321** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 10/13/2018.

We have started taking online membership dues for 2019. We will also take cash, checks and credit cards (online) at the guild meetings. If you are not sure if you have yet paid your 2019 dues, you can check the Sign-In sheets. The Sign-In sheets and the member directory both have your membership id numbers. The 2019 membership ids start with 190xxx. The membership cards for 2019 are a lovely purple.

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 – Bev Blair, Pat Cassidy, Giselle Miller, Gena Olson, Carol Wolfe.

Welcome back Returning Members – Jan Campbell, Helen Flint, Nora Gil, Connie Nelson, Charlotte Vescova.

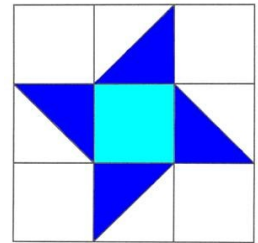
Welcome back Renewing Members – Jan Baethke, Audrey Croft, Michelle Dextras, Evelyn Fincher, Mike Hall, Lila Helm, Alie Hiles, Karen Hunger, Millie Leonard, Kathe Letulle, Angela Lieser, Maggie Loney, Linda Mahoney, Hallye Rae Moodt, Doris Pelz, Joan Ploeg, Jane Pronovost, Anne Renkley, Esther Schmidt, Anna Schwartz, Stella Snider, Linda Swonger, Nancy Tatro, Diana Wolf.

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) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)



RETREAT



RETREAT will be here before you know it. We are on target for another fun filled retreat.

You need to come see me at the next guild meeting to get your fabric so you can make your square to bring to retreat with you. Also you will want to buy a commemorative retreat polo shirt. They are \$15. I order the shirts after the guild meeting and you will have it at the next meeting. Cash or check is collected when ordered.

I still need an activity for one evening. Open to any ideas you may have.

Until next time,
Karyn Heaney



Bee News



Killer Bees: have been busy, we had a sew day the first Thursday of the month, we made bags, bears, pillows for breast cancer patients and port covers for folks having dialysis or pace makers, they help with the seat belts rubbing on them.

We are having our own Diane Hines teaching us how to do string blocks on Nov 1, the start of our winter fun. Sooooo, come join us, we meet at the Retzlaft Hall In Sunshine CC off North 77 in Harlingen at 9AM. Everyone is welcome.

Row Quilters: Some of the cutest Halloween themed quilts appeared at Show and Tell. We never knew skeletons could look so cute.

Sew Bee It: So many half square triangles put together in so many ways.

Thank you notes received.

Our actions do have an impact on other's lives.

From

George H Epley, U S Army. Thank you Judi and all who are involved with RGV Quilt Guild. You have warmed the hearts and bodies of so many veterans.

U S Department of Veterans Affairs. On behalf of the Texas Valley Coastal Bend HCS patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of 95 quilts.

Ted Allen sent a thank you note expressing appreciation for the beautiful quilt.

The picture below is one of two quilts made by the youth we support. She quilted it herself on a longarm. How cool is that!



Saturday November 3rd, 2018
11:00am - 4:00pm

Edinburg Activity Center
123 E. Palm Dr, Edinburg TX



A very exciting one day shopping event
of handcrafted, homemade,
one of a kind treasures made by local talent.

Door Prizes-Craft Workshops-Community Performance

YOUTH EDUCATION

I have taken on the "Home School" group. This group wanted to make a dress...so we are starting with small projects learning the skills they will need to read a pattern, work with zippers, set a sleeve, and tackle the dreaded collar.

We are going slow so they can be comfortable with each task....so we are meeting on the first and third Friday each month at Texas A & M Extension in Edinburg usually in the morning. But we are flexible to change as that location has many other classes. I really like working with my students, and seeing the "lights go on". The class has gals and guys in it...Rick and I kept the class small so we would have time for each student.

Thank You all for making this opportunity possible for us.

Rick and Subie Redd

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT Sep 2018

TOTAL ITEMS.....137
 TOTAL HOURS.....421
 TOTAL VALUE.....\$3052.25



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McAllen Respite Center
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Donated by:
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Joan Taylor

We are having a wonderful year, we are just \$12,500.00 from our goal. That is happening because of all your work for the different organizations and people who you share your talents and care with. Hospice Project is moving along, Rick and I shared another 15 quilts, lap robes, wheelchair and shoulder wraps with a number of different care facilities. If you know of some place that is in need, please let me know. I still have 12 tops you have made for me that is my next thing to tackle!

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WORK!

Rick Redd



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