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President's Threads That Bind

by *Kathe Letulle*

Last month there was a HINT to the Guilds New Normal. On Saturday, August 5, 2020, 64 members attended the Guilds Meet and Greet - the test for future Guild Meetings via Zoom. The Invitation to join was sent out via e-mail with links or buttons to click to join (thank you Bonnie Hall). We all had a very memorable experience – seeing the smiling faces of members from Alaska, Canada and all over the USA. There were a few tears involved also due to the 4 months of isolation from each other but a positive venture. What a wonderful and blessed experience. We all learned some new ways to navigate Zoom with even several first time users. If you were not able to join or not so sure about using Zoom, then watch your e-mail for the link to join the **FIRST Zoom Guild Meeting on September 12, 2020**. There will be some housekeeping done prior to the meeting if anyone is having any issues (especially with names). Zoom will be available for all meetings, even when the Guild can meet in person. This is an additional benefit of your membership no matter where you are. Some Guild Bees have already taken advantage of using Zoom to communicate with their members although all are not in the valley.

Be sure to watch for the “Zoom Invitation To Join” email for the September 12, 2020, Guild Meeting. This will be emailed the Thursday prior to the meeting so the email (with Zoom meeting link) will be close at hand and not lost in the multitude of emails. The link will not be posted to the website.

Debi Warner will present the program and your Committee Chairpersons will give 4 months of updates – short and sweet, some using screen share (a feature within ZOOM). This is the one feature that is vital to the success of the Guild, we all do not need to be here in the valley!

It is sad that many of our members will not be returning to the valley due to COVID. Prayers continue for everyone. This is why Zoom is so important in keeping our members close to our hearts and fully involved within the Guild.

Zoom training for members is ongoing via Guild member volunteering. If you did not answer the survey on the website, there is still time. My hat goes out to Diane Tewell for volunteering to be the Zoom Coordinator (zcoor@rgvqg.com). A team of Guild volunteers, Diane Tewell, Debi Warner, Diana Wolf, Laural Powell and Bonnie Hall are giving their time to instruct the use of Zoom on specific devices. If you completed the survey and willing to join in training, an e-mail was sent out by the specific device trainer. Take this time to become Zoom educated on your specific device or devices – dependent on where you are and which device is needed. Lucky US! To have so many device options.

A new beginning for our Guild, so be sure to click on the blue link in the invitation e-mail or download at zoom.com on your computer, laptop, iPad or iPhone. Also check out Zoom website for webinars. Using Zoom is not hard to navigate, so you may want to use this feature to communicate with family members. Zoom has opened doors that many of us were not even aware. SO HAVE FUN! Even classes and schoolhouse will be available via Zoom! Not to mention featured speakers. We have come a long

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way BABY! New avenues opened to us, a side benefit of being isolated and wanting to be able to communicate with each other.

ALL Members – ALWAYS Check the website for any updates, access to Board and Meeting Minutes, and what is going on within the Guild during this time of getting back to what we feel will be a normal life.

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

Blessings! Kathe - President@rgvqg.com
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Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon

If you have someone who is ill, having surgery, death in the family, or just needs a Hello from the Guild, please send the request of the person and the address to sunshine@rgvqg.com. I will get a card in the mail from all of us. I have purchased cards and stamps, and have a willing heart to reach out to others.

Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

For 2020 we have a total of 320 members. Since the last newsletter we want to “Welcome” the following

New Members:

- Barbara Harvill
- Georgia Huffman
- Laura Tewell-Avera
- Susan Salinas

The fiscal year is from January 1 through December 31. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, please do so to help with our Budget. In November, the dues collected will be for the following year of 2021 – which means if you are a new member, you are getting two months without having to pay dues.

The annual dues are only \$30.00 and can be paid on-line, paid at a meeting (cash or check), or a check can be sent to the Guild mailing address. (Checks now should be made payable to Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild.)

2020 Membership Dues -- To join or renew your membership, the numbers start with 200xxx. The cards for 2020 will be a Blue Jade Marble. Membership cards will have information on the back of the card needed to access the “Members Only” page and the Directory, which contains email and address information for all members.

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is www.rgvqg.com Please let me know if you need assistance. Marty Morrison (membership@rgvqg.com) or 816-686-3467

Announcements

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Would you like to volunteer to be for Quilt Show **Chairperson** for the **2023** or **2024 Quilt Show?** Volunteer NOW and you have awesome mentors prior to your own show, sent an e-mail to president@rgvqg.com or text [956-272-2377](tel:956-272-2377). If you know someone who would be a Chairperson, nominate them and that person will be contacted.

2021 Quilt Show Goes Online

by Laurie Magee

I wish to thank all of you who completed the poll about your plans for the upcoming winter season. It provided important information for our planning process as more than half of our members responded. We also got excellent response from the vender poll.

There were some significant decisions made at the August 2021 Show Board meeting about our upcoming quilt show. When we examined the poll results as well as the current trajectory of the virus all over the country, we did not feel that we could pull off a traditional quilt show, keep our members safe, or even cover the expenses. The following three motions were passed unanimously by both the Show Board and Guild Board.

1. MOTION: So Moved to Change the 39th Annual RGV Quilt Show into an ONLINE Format with necessary restructuring.
2. MOTION: So Moved to purchase the domain name "RGVQuiltShow.com".
3. MOTION: So Moved to purchase website for a year at \$312.00 for newly purchased domain name "RGVQuiltShow.com".

The chart describes the basic restructuring of the show and the teams created from the current show board to accomplish this task. If anyone wishes to become part of one of these teams, we would be more than happy to have you join us.

There are many examples available of virtual quilt shows as traditional shows are cancelled or restructured. Please search for them online and become aware of the possibilities. This change means that if we have classes and lectures, we will not have to pay travel expenses. This may expand our choices. Those of us who volunteer many hours during the show will be able to take part in classes. We may be able to choose a time that fits our

personal schedule to take part as we will do some of the show on Zoom but the rest will be available over the span of the show. We also intend to have a vendor section in which we can access online vendors who will offer specials for show participants. Granted we will not be able to pet the fabric but for many of us that is not possible now. The theme, the opportunity quilt and the rules for the challenge will not change.

If you have questions, please contact Laurie Magee, Laural Powell or Debi Warner. Between the three of us we should be able provide the necessary information. We are excited about this opportunity.

Proposal from Exploratory Committee

Quilt Show Teams

Gallery

Show Quilts
Challenge Quilts
Community Service

Laurie Magee - Team Leader
Deb Blackburn (Suzanne)
Jane Borneman
Judy Brown
Mike Hall
Paula McCutchan
Jan Rondeau

Education

Classes
Demos
Lectures

Laural Powell - Team Leader
Kathe Letulle
Heather Nelson

Marketplace

Bargain Boutique
Opportunity Quilt
Totes, Bags & More
Vendors

Deb Warner - Team Leader
Linda Haderer (Bev)
Bonnie Hall
Marilyn Hensz
Joy Paugh
Sarah Reed
Marsha Santow

Format - Hybrid of Quilt Show Website and Zoom

Pages for Website

Home Page
Gallery (subpages)
Marketplace (subpages)
RGVQG
SPI
Advertisers

QS Chair - Laurie Magee

QS Secretary - Kathe Letulle

QS Treasurer - Linda Swonger

QS Publicity Chair - Laural Powell

Retreat

by Karyn Heaney

This is hoping you are all coping with this coronavirus and not getting "cabin fever." I am staying busy catching up on all those projects that I've purchased while at retreat and slowly getting a handle on it.

Speaking of Retreat, there are openings in the Friendship Star Retreat. I am still waiting to hear from some that I notified after the retreat in March.

If you cancelled out of that retreat because of the virus, I either spoke with you or left a message on your phone regarding next year's retreat. Please get back with me so that I know exactly how many places will be available. There are people who would love to join us next March.

The Bluebonnet Friends Retreat is full at this time.

Retreat dates are Friendship Star is March 15-19, 2021

Bluebonnet Friends is March 21-25, 2021

Anyone who is interested is encouraged to call and get any information about retreat that you want.

Retreat is open to all Guild members. My contact info is in the Guild Directory.

One last item, anyone one who would like to switch from the Bluebonnet Friends to the Friendship Star can do so at this time. Call me and let me know your wishes.

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Zoom and the Guild

by Diana Wolf

It was so very good to see so many faces on Saturday. I even caught a few wiping tears to be back "together while apart". This is an exciting technology. You don't have to download the app, although it does make a few things easier. The next few months, at least, the Guild is having our meetings on Zoom. The Guild is offering training and we are here to support you. You are the Guild. It was awesome to see our Canadian friends come south, even if only virtually.

The Guild is extending our paid Zoom membership for use by the Bees, your benefit as part of your membership. If your Bee hasn't set up your schedule yet, contact our Zoom Coordinator, Diane Tewell. You do want to get on the calendar. I'm sure other groups of members with quilting related interests will decide to schedule some events or classes too.

There is a Zoom Committee and we are all scrambling to learn more to make all this easier for you. It's all evolving so fast. So many exciting developments in the works. There are some discussions as to how to hold Zoom classes, for both program and schoolhouse. These are still evolving. There are still many things to decide about the Quilt Show and how ours might happen. Many Guilds are having "virtual" quilt shows. You can find some on the web if you look. We have and it's sparking new ideas in the committee. If you have an idea(s) for us to consider, let us know.

While we try to send information out by the newsletter and Facebook, the very best way is word-of-mouth. If you didn't see your friends on Saturday, give them a call and share the news. If you didn't make it Saturday, come on in! We are very excited, I hope you are too!

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show
is presented by

 PBS Wisconsin

Military Service

by Lucy Klass and Pam Manley

We had a number of quilt tops to be bundled. Seven Alamo Row Quilters and friends stepped up and we now have 31 bundled and 8 are on their way to a longarmer. Extra special thanks go to Elaine Hall who directed the bundling and Sharon Crosswhite who graciously volunteered to quilt some of the bundles. We still need some quilting angels.

We have more flimsies (tops) to bundle, but are almost out of backing fabric. There is approximately one and a half rolls of batting to use after our recent activities. There are some pieces of fabric which can be made into blocks.

We are looking for more people to piece blocks, and are exploring creative ways to accomplish this using Zoom. If you have suggestions about Military Service Quilts, please let us know.

We look forward to having some quilts ready for Veterans Day in November.

The Row Quilters

The Row Quilters usually meet on Friday's at Alamo Country Clubhouse, but since we cannot meet in person, we had our first Zoom meeting on July 10, (only about 30 minutes of your time) with 5 members participating. Now the numbers vary each week, as our schedules changes with doctor appointments, etc. We are getting familiar with doing Zoom meetings, even sharing some of our projects online. One of the Zoom meetings was a demo from Judy Blum (from Iowa) on how to make a star block. We did this as a sew along, while she was giving instructions. The blocks will be donated to the Military Service committee.

This is a great way to keep in contact during the summer months when members are not in the Rio Grande Valley. Stay safe and healthy during these COVID-19 times.

Programs

by Laural Powell

The Programs Committee met several times, during the month of July. We are coordinating with the newly formed Zoom Committee, to provide training to guild members on using Zoom. As we move forward using Zoom for our monthly guild meetings, we will have Guild members provide some short programs to start. This will allow us to make sure everything is working properly before bringing in a national speaker.

Guild History

by Debi Warner

Found in the 2003 RGV Quilt Show Program

(Presented as they appeared.)

A Quilters Eleven Commandments

1. Thou are a quilter and shalt not put no other avocation before it.
2. Thou shalt sew ¼ inch seams.
3. Those shalt sew 15 stitches per inch.
4. Thou shalt honor thy Rotary Blade.
5. Thou shalt never pass a quilt shop without stopping.
6. Thou shalt not rip – only unsew.
7. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's block.
8. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's fabric.
9. Thou shalt not reveal funds spent on quilting supplies.
10. Thou shalt not cook and clean but one day a week.
11. Thou shalt say "your colors are pretty."
Amen

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.
— Vince Lombardi

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