



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 32, Weslaco, TX 78599 - rgvqg.com

President's Threads That Bind

by *Kathe Letulle*

As it is sung at Disneyland and Disney-world – "IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD!" Thanks to Vicki Guerra for an extraordinary program on small and mini quilts. In the not-so-distant future, the photos of these quilts will be on the website, so keep a lookout!

I issued a challenge at the April 2021 meeting. This was it – communicate with a Guild member that you have done so far in 2021. At the May 2021 Meeting, I personally asked each attendee who they contacted and reactions. Thanks to all who accepted the challenge because all parties were blessed.

Check out the challenge that was given by your Program Chairperson, Jean Waufle.

Hopefully, the beginning of the heat here in the Valley has not taken too much energy from sewing; visiting relatives, neighbors, and friends; taking time for yourself and preparing for the 2022 Quilt Show.

Read the newsletter, as committee reports will not be announced at the Zoom Monthly Meeting. We are trying to make the meeting interesting, inviting, and short. We can always catchup on the latest in the newsletter.

Have a blessed month! And Hope Everyone Had An Awesome Mother's Day!

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. See you at the next Guild Meeting - June 12th at 9 AM Central Time.

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

Blessings! Kathe - President@rgvqg.com
956-272-2377



DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUTURE QUILT SHOWS??? If there is no Quilt Show Chairperson - THERE WILL NOT BE A QUILT SHOW for 2023 and 2024!!! Do you really want that?

THE CALL IS OUT FOR A volunteer to be an upcoming Quilt Show **Chairperson** for the **2023** or **2024 Quilt Show?** Volunteer NOW and you have an awesome mentor prior to your own show. We contemplate NOT VIRTUAL, so send an e-mail to president@rgvqg.com or text 956-272-2377. If you know someone who would be an awesome Chairperson, nominate them and that person will be contacted. REMEMBER: There Can Be No QUILT Show Without A Chairperson! Let's Keep This Quilt Guild function ONGOING!

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Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

SALE - YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER FOR 2021
FOR ONLY \$20.00

The \$20 dues is only good until October 31, 2021. We are still trying to meet our Budget goal of 250 members, so please invite your friends to join our group.

You can be a member of the Rio Grande Valley from anywhere, as we are meeting via Zoom. You can invite your friends to join us, they can register to be a guest at the monthly meeting.

If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time for only \$20. Your dues are part of the 2021 Budget. The annual dues are normally \$30.00.

Just click on the link below:

<https://form.jotform.co/rgvquiltguild/membership>
or a check made payable to **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** and send to:

RGVQG Membership
PO Box 32
Weslaco, TX 78599-0032

The 2021 membership cards begin with the numbers 210xxx. The information needed to access the "Members Only" page and the Directory will be sent to you by email.

If you are paying by check, please include your email address – then I can let you know that the Guild has received your check. Also please provide any personal information has changed, so the Guild Directory can be updated.

For 2021 there are 190 members. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following **New Members & Returning Members:**

Judy Gillen
Lynne Johnson
Linda Stutsman

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is www.rgvqg.com

If you need assistance, please contact Marty Morrison at membership@rgvqg.com.

Treasurer Report

by Mike Hall

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
Treasurer's April 2021 Report
Monthly Account Balances as of 4/30/2021

RGVQG Checking

Beginning Balance.....	\$14,798.31
Income	\$184.08
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$14,982.39
Outstanding Check.....	(\$1,000.00)

RGVQG Savings

Beginning Balance	\$33,161.66
Interest Income.....	\$0.82
Ending Balance	\$33,162.48

RGVQG Quilt Show

Beginning Balance.....	\$13,996.27
Income.....	\$0.00
Expenses.....	\$150.00
Ending Balance	\$13,846.27

RGVQG Retreat

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Retreat

by *Kathe Letulle*

Friendship Star - March 14 - 18, 2022
BlueBonnet Friends - March 20 - 24, 2022

The retreats are now open to all members. So far 20 attendees for Friendship Star Retreat and 30 for BlueBonnet Friends retreat have committed. Print the Retreat Registration form on the Members Only Page of the Guild Website (rgvqg.com) and mail your deposit of \$100 or full payment of \$300, your preference. Postmark Deadline will determine attendance or the wait list. We are looking forward to the retreats next year and loads of fun interacting with each other!!!!

Elaine Hall, Marty Morrison, Kathe Letulle - Retreat Team or retreat@rgvqg.com

Bee News

by *Mellie Peach*



Sew N Sew Bee is actively working on a new banner for the 2022 RGVQG Quilt Show. We've had some interesting Zoom conversations on a weekly basis and are also enjoying the website that has been created to show one another items we're working on in the FB mode. Barb Diedrich has designed a center block that we've decided to utilize and we're anxious to get our individual blocks done so the we can share it with you all in the RGVQG. You'll get to see it at the show!

We meet weekly in a Zoom session that is sponsored by and paid for by the Guild. We're hoping many of the other Bees soon adopt this way of communicating, too! Thank you RGVQG!

by *Joy Paugh*

The Llano Grande Quilting Bee had a successful year using Zoom along with in person weekly meetings at the Hynes Center at Llano Grande Lake Park. We ended the year with 88 members. Our community service projects were focused on the Rainbow Room, however we gave many quilts to the

City of Mercedes for the police and fire department and a shelter. Quilts were also donated to Loaves and Fishes in Harlingen. This summer we hope to have one or two Zoom sessions to keep up with our members over the summer break. The Bee is looking forward to hosting our yearly in-person quilt show on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. The last Tuesday in January!

Sunshine

by *Jackie Landon*

Four cards were sent in May: Val Forsythe with knee surgery recovery, Mark Warner, thinking of you, Mellie Peach, death of her Mother In Law and Lucy Klaus on successful surgery and recovery.

If you have any others in the Guild who need a card of encouragement, get well card, sympathy card, please send the person's name and a general statement to shadows@rgvqg.com.

Military Service

by *Mellie Peach*

Lucy and Mellie are postponing any action on the determination of residency requirements for a MSQ until fall so that we're not rushing into anything without fully examining the criteria. If anyone has any thoughts on this, please text or email one or both of us with them. No new requests have been made for a MSQ in the past month. We are expecting photos from the VFW District Conference where the VFW Ambassador presented several MSQ to very deserving Elsa and Weslaco veterans. The photos will be posted on the website when received.

Community Service

by *Chris Cowan*

In April there were receipts of 68 items, 366 hours, with a \$2653.50 value.

Program

by Jean Waufle

Come join us for a virtual tour of the purplekatzquilting.com shop in Alberta Canada. Terry Loyek will be your tour guide. Terry is very upbeat and an enthusiastic quilter. She is certified to teach several different classes. She wants the members of the guild to pick the virtual classes she's going to teach in the near future. Check out her website and look forward to a fun tour!!

2022 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

by Laural Powell

Totes, Bags & More, and More - OH MY!

It is really looking like we will be able to have an in-person Quilt Show in February of 2022. This means we will be needing items for Totes, Bags & More, the Bargain Barn, and the Silent Auction. All three of these raise funds for our Guild, and we need your help!



Totes, Bags & More - We need everyone to start thinking of a theme, what type of container you're going to use, then start gathering the surprises that will go inside. These things can be made by you or donations from the community. Work on your own or with a group of friends. In 2020, the most popular Totes, Bags & More item was the Bee Basket.

Bargain Barn - If each member made just one or two items, to be sold in the Bargain Barn, it will be a great year! Here are some of the things that have sold well in the past: phone cases, bowl cozies, potholders sewing machine buddies, purses, small bags, mug rugs, pincushions, key fobs, and kitchen boas. It could be fun to get together with friends or on Zoom and make some of these.

Silent Auction - This year, we are going to do things a little different. You can still make a small quilt to donate to the Silent Auction. Only this year we are also looking to expand the Silent Auction to other donated items, gift cards, and gift certificates from the community. We are trying to expand the Silent Auction to raise more money for our Guild.

If you have any questions or items to donate to Totes, Bags & More, the Bargain Barn, or the Silent Auction, send an email to quiltshow@rgvqg.com.

Ask the Woman Behind the Curtain



This month, I got three questions about the 2022 Quilt Show.

Kathy asked about the Bee Banners. Her Bee already has a banner, but it is smaller than 21"x42". They wanted to know if it could still be used at the Quilt Show.

Answer: The Quilt Show Board decided that any Bee Banner, with a perimeter no more than 126", can be used at the Quilt Show.

Sandy asked about the "Red & White Quilter's Delight" category. Her Bee was wanting clarification on what kind of reds are acceptable, gold or silver highlights, how far into oranges and or pinks, how much dark? What about whites as well, off-white, cream, white on white, etc.

Answer: The red fabrics can have highlights and/or patterns of black, gold or silver providing that the fabric reads red. Pink reds, orange reds and/or

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purple reds may be used in small amounts for contrast. Same with off-white and/or light cream. Just as long as when you step back from the quilt, as a whole it reads red and white. You can find some great examples by googling "Red & White Quilts Houston" and go to images.

Vicki asked about the small quilts in the Silent Auction. She wanted to know if ribbons and prize money would still be awarded, since the Silent Auction has been changed to include donated items along with the small quilts.

Answer: Due to extenuating circumstances for the safety of our members, the Quilt Show and Guild Boards voted that the small quilts donated to the Silent Auction will not be presented at the January Guild meeting for voting, ribbons, or monetary prizes. So, if you have a small quilt, you can donate it to the Silent Auction to help raise funds to support our Guild. Or if you would like your small quilt to be voted on, you can enter it in the appropriate Quilt Show category.

If you have a question about the Quilt Show you can send an email to Ask the Woman Behind the Curtain at quiltshow@rgvqg.com.

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

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by Diana Wolf

Saturday, May 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Kathe Letulle, President at 9:00 am.

A quorum was established.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mike Hall.
[See Treasurer Report on page 2]

Note the Guild spent nothing the month of April, and had a bit of income. One scholarship check is still outstanding. The Quilt Committee had no income but did spend \$150.00 dollars for a membership in the South Padre Island Chamber of

Commerce. There were no questions and it was filed for audit.

Diana Wolf asked for additions or corrections to the Secretary's report. Hearing none, it was also approved.

Laural Powell, current Show Chair, provided an update for the coming show. It appears we will be having an in person show. Three areas will need help from the membership, Tote Bags and More which is a themed basket or bag. The Bargain Barn will need items such as cell phone holders, sewing machine buddies, pot holders, mug rugs and more to be donated. The Silent Auction quilts will not have cash prizes or ribbons awarded due to COVID considerations. It will include items such as gift cards this year. Please let her know about what you are donating. Two questions from members were answered. One concerned if the Bee banners were already made, but not exactly the size specified, could they be used in the Quilt Show. The answer was yes if the perimeter measures less than 126 inches. The other question concerned how the red and white fabric was defined in the Quilter's Delight category. Red comes in various shades, as does white. Laural provided a thorough explanation. Basically, small amounts of the fabrics may have gold, silver, black, or small prints, but must "read" as a solid. Colors can be pink-red, purple-red, and other reds needed for tones. Whites could be cream, off white or white. Please check with the Show committee for specific details.

A bylaws amendment was presented which applies to the next committee by Chair, Diana Wolf. It was adopted unanimously. The adopted bylaw will read:

4.03 A nominating committee composed of two members of the Board with three other members of the Guild shall be chosen by the Board at or prior to the February regular meeting of members. These board members cannot be eligible for an additional term. The nominating committee will publish the list of qualified and recommended candidates in the October newsletter. At the October meeting of

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members, any voting member in good standing may nominate a person for an office, with the seconding of any other member in good standing.

Jean Wauffle introduced our Program Speaker, Vicki Guerra who shared much information about her small and miniature quilts and the general process she used to make them. Several members were enthused about making their own after her inspiration.

Newsletter articles to the editor are due on May 10, this next Monday.

There were some Show and Tell items viewed on the Zoom call. A Friendship quilt was made with combined efforts of several members. Jeanne Peterson, a longtime Guild member, inspired it, Bonnie Hall designed it, Jackie Landon and Bonnie Hall purchased fabric, Kris Driscoll largely pieced it, quilted by Bonnie, and bound by Kris to give to Jeannie as she has chosen reluctantly to leave the Valley permanently. Several members of the quilting group signed some of the blocks. A completed mystery quilt was shown.

Door prize winners were congratulated: Diane Minor, Beate Keith, Debbie Williams, Marsha Santow and Leslie Lorenzo. Prize winners are determined by where you appear on Gayle Steinbeck's Zoom screen.

The next program will be by Tracy Lokey and will be a talk and a virtual tour of her store, Purple Catz in Alberta Canada.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.
Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf.

For an interesting read, check out the results of the 2021 quilting trends survey at https://craftindustryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021_TodaysQuiltingTrends_r2.pdf

A Quilter's Day Out!

April 6 - May 25, 2021

If Quilts Could Talk:

ORR Family Across Five Generations
W K Gordon Museum
65258 Interstate 20 EZXIZT 367
Mingus, Texas
258-968-1886
www.tarleton.edu/gordoncenter/quilt-show.html

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Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council
204 River North Blvd
Stephenville, Texas
254-965-6190
www.crosstimbersfinearts.org

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