



RGVQG News

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

President's Threads That Bind

by *Kathe Letulle*

Never take our modern conveniences for granted. Even when the electricity goes out, the inconvenience is most always temporary. We are all grateful when our modern conveniences do come back on and business is as usual. Be thankful every day.

Sadness is that we have not been able to meet in person. In the works are contract negotiations with Trophy Gardens to begin in person meeting beginning November 2021, aligned with Zoom meeting at the same time, begin program classes, and schoolhouse classes starting.

We all pray the variant to the COVID 19 will not deter our plans for future in-house activity. We are ready to meet and greet one another personally and on Zoom.

Exciting classes, all around, are being planned so be sure to watch the Guild website. We are all eager to begin this season with as much interaction as possible.

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 - September 11th at 9 AM Central Time.

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

Blessings! Kathe - President@rgvqq.com
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**September 11 RGVQG
Meeting on Zoom
9:00 AM**

Watch for Zoom link in email

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-sale> or send a check made payable to **Rio Grande**

Valley Quilt Guild 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.

I'm so excited, as we are closer to reaching our Budget goal for 2021 there are now 202 members. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following **New & Returning Members:**

- Alice Hiles
- Mary Howell
- Linda Strub
- Sue Tennyson

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

Please email Marty Morrison at membership@rgvqg.com. if you need assistance.

Military Service Quilts

by Mellie Peach

We have not received a request for a Military Service Quilt this summer. Plans are being made to update the requirements and to organize the committee's bookkeeping.

An unusual request/situation has arisen involving a veteran who was supposed to receive a MSQ at the Donna VFW in April 2020. Covid19 had shut everything down and the quilt was not presented. We are looking into the "factors" and have requested that the Guild member who had initially nominated the veteran re-submit the application and a quilt will be presented to this veteran either this summer or on Veteran's Day in November.

Snow to Sun is trying, remotely, to plan for a January MSQ Sew Day. There are new rules and regulations requiring more planning and thinking outside the box. Lucy is planning to return to the valley in October, if possible, and Mellie in early November.

Amazon Smile

by Mike Hall

Do you shop at Amazon.com? Do you know that Amazon will make a donation to the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild for most purchases you make through Amazon. If you join AmazonSmile and designate the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as your favorite charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the Guild at no cost to you. For more information, go to smile.amazon.com, scroll down to the bottom of the page, and under the **GET TO KNOW US** column, click on "About AmazonSmile". If you still have questions, or need assistance in enrolling, let me know.

Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon

Four cards were sent in July. A Sympathy card was sent to member **Jeanne Peterson** whose sister, Delores Majowski died. Both sisters lived in Pharr South Community and Jeanne was a member of the Guild. A Thinking of you card was sent to **Bev Harvey** to encourage her each day of her life. **Nancy Tatro's** father died this month. A Sympathy card was mailed to her.

Mary Camp broke her foot. I sent her a Get-Well Card from the guild. Two more Health issues cards were sent to Cassino Richardson and Jackie Ridlon.

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

2022 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

by Laural Powell

Ask the Woman Behind the Curtain

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.



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

Jan asked do we have deals on hotel rooms yet?

Answer: We are working with the hotels on South Padre Island to get the best deals possible. Summertime is their busy season, and they are not yet to full staff, so it is taking a little longer. From a few initial responses prices may be up a little for 2020 prices, but much lower than summer prices. The list of hotels and prices will be posted on the Guild's website (rgvqg.com) and on Facebook on September 1, 2021. They will also be in the September Newsletter.

Deb asked when the registration for the quilt show would be open?

Answer: Registration for quilt projects is open now online on the Quilt Show page of the Guild's website (rgvqg.com). Registration for the classes during the quilt show will open on September 1, 2021. Descriptions and supply list for both of these classes are currently on the Guild website (rgvqg.com), on the Programs page.

Barbara asked what can I do to help the quilt show? If I am not comfortable chairing a committee and not real steady physically, how can I help?

Answer: There are always a lot of opportunities for Guild Members to help. The first is by entering a project in the show. You could make something for the Bargain Boutique and/or Totes, Bags and More. You could donate something to the Silent Auction. You could even help spread the word about the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show to your friends outside the Guild. If you have questions about any of this, contact me "The Woman Behind the Curtain," at quiltshow@rgvqg.com and I will get you in contact with the right person for more information.

Need a Show of Hands!

The Quilt Show Committee is looking into the possibility of a bus trip from the Upper Valley to the South Padre Island Convention Center for the first day of the quilt show on Friday, February 18, 2021.

Go With Jo can provide bus service from McAllen with an additional pick-up in Weslaco and arriving at the Convention Center at approximately 10:00 AM on Friday, departing at approximately 2:00 PM for the return trip. The quoted price of \$39.00 per person was for a minimum of 40 passengers and included a one-day ticket for the Quilt Show.

Please click on the following link for a "Show of Hands" if you might be interested in this service.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0Mco1LZXQjhRpxrkiJ8rs8VQ_EsFcdnFamyRLRliPaqMcQ/viewform

Current plans are to publicize this information to the general public in an attempt to attract non-guild member attendance for the show

Schoolhouse Classes

by *Debbie Williams*

Plans for in-person Schoolhouse Classes are currently under way. We are hoping to have access to the classroom space at Trophy Gardens in November.

Classes are open to all Guild members for a fee of \$20. Non-members may attend by joining the Guild first. Classes will be held from 9:00am to 3:00pm. A lunch break will be scheduled during this time. You may want to bring your lunch, there are also several restaurants nearby.

What is currently planned for the 2021 /2022 season:

November:

Friday, November 5, 2021 - "Featherweight Maintenance "

Instructor: Diana Wolf

What do Swedish fish and Featherweights have in common? Diana will share this and much, much more during this hands on class. Your Featherweight should be cleaned and maintained at least once a year, regardless of how much use it gets. Be sure to bring your machine to the valley this winter and sign up for this class. Your Featherweight will appreciate it!

December:

Friday, December 3, 2021 - "Fabric Wrapped Corded Bowls"

Instructor: Judy Gillen

If you have ever wanted to learn how to make clothesline bowls with fabric scraps, this is your class. You will need to have a sewing machine with zig zag capability to create these delightful bowls. Judy will provide several examples with a variety of embellishments to make your bowls really special.

January:

Friday, January 7, 2022 - "Siddi Style Kawandi Table Runner"

Instructor: Pat Cooper

The Siddis are Indians of East African descent. Their quilts are distinctive in their use of color and the technique used in which patches of repurposed clothing are placed over a foundation and hand stitched with a running stitch. During this unique class, Pat will explain the process with lots of visuals that will help you create your own Siddi style Kawandi table runner.

February:

Friday, February 4, 2022 - "Four Patch Explosion "

Instructor: Marty Morrison

When is a Four Patch not your usual Four Patch? Marty will have samples to show, which will help you start your creative thinking. During this fun and creative class, you will learn how to cut and rearrange the pieces of your original Four Patch to create amazing blocks that look nothing like the original. The finished quilt looks much more complicated than what it is.

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March:

Friday, March 4, 2022 - "Fun With Circles"

Instructor: Debi Warner

This class will review the role of circles in quilting history, show ways to sew curves, and helps each person create an art piece. Debi will explore the techniques used by Tom Russell to create these circle masterpieces and will provide several themes to consider.

Bee News



The Wanna Bees have started buzzing with a vengeance! The Bees started meeting June 13th, just to get together and get reacquainted with each other since the pandemic shut down. We met again on June 27th coming up with a Bee Retreat held July 9th & 10th at the Magic Valley RV Park. The July Retreat was dampened by rain and flooding for full attendance, but 3 members showed up the first day and 6 members attending the second day. It was a successful retreat for our very own first retreat.

At our regular scheduled July meeting following the retreat, the Wanna Bees was reorganized. Anita Pineda is now the Wanna Bees Queen. We want to thank Adela Saldana for her leadership and leading the Bee for several years since Ruth's demise. The Bees buzzed about different and new ideas for its members: a Bee t-shirt; private Facebook account; future retreats and of course the usual business: Christmas party, Christmas Ornament exchange, the Quilt Show and our favorite subject Show & Tell!

The Bees were visited by the Guild's Beekeeper, Diana Wolf who enlighten us with details about the Guild and Quilt Show. Additionally, Diana discussed a few details in making a t-shirt quilt. She emphasized "the plan" in making any quilt. We thank her for sharing her knowledge and expertise on quilt making and design.

Nominating Committee

Your Guild Nominating Committee, Nancy Tatro, Jan Baethke, Joy Paugh, and Chris Cowan, is looking for 2 dedicated guild members to be on the ballot this fall. Please seriously think about contacting the committee (nominating@rgvqg.com) to step forward to run for one of these 2 positions. **Below is a description of each position from the Guild's ByLaws.**

We are looking for a nomination for President...

President 4.07 The President is the Guild's Chief Executive Officer. He or she will supervise the Guild's business and affairs and will preside at all meetings of the members of the Board. The President will schedule and conduct regular monthly meetings, chair meetings of the officers to be held regularly, appoint chairperson and committees, as needed, to carry on the business of the Guild, with approval of the Board, work with elected officers to accomplish purposes and goals of the Guild, to sign checks in absence of the Treasurer and shall be bonded, initiate biannual review of the Bylaws and is an ex-officio member of all committees. The President may execute any documents that the Board authorizes to be executed. However, the President may not execute documents on the Guild's behalf if this power is expressly delegated to another officer or agent of the Guild by the Board, these Bylaws, or statute. The President will perform other duties prescribed by the Board and all duties incidental to the office of President.

We are looking for a nomination for Secretary...

Secretary 4.11 The Secretary will give all notices as provided in the Bylaws as required by law; take minutes of Guild and Board meetings and keep the minutes as part of the Guild records; maintain custody of Guild records; affix the corporate seal to all documents as authorized; keep a register of the mailing address of each officer and members of the Guild available on the Guild's website; perform duties as assigned by the President or Board and

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perform all duties incidental to the office of Secretary.

We are so thankful for one of our members who has already informed us that she will run for the position of **Third Vice President - Programs Chair**. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Our time is running short since we need to introduce the candidates, and ask for additional nominations from the floor during the October meeting, and then publish the list in the October Newsletter.

It's always fun to get active in one of your favorite groups, along with a good friend...and here's your chance to talk that good friend into run for an office along with you. Best of Friends...President and Secretary of The Rio Grande Quilt Guild!! E-mail the nomination committee at nominating@rgvqg.com or contact Nancy, Joy, Chris, or Jan directly.

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

by Diana Wolf

Saturday, August 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Marty Morrison, First Vice President. There were 31 members present, establishing a quorum.

Mike Hall, Treasurer, presented the following:
Treasurer's July 2021 Report

Monthly Account Balances as of 7/31/2021

RGVQG Checking	
Beginning Balance	\$15,035.87
Income	75.62
Expenses	\$1796.36
Ending Balance	\$13,315.13
RGVQG Savings	
Beginning Balance	\$33,134.14
Interest Income	\$0.84
Ending Balance	\$33,164.98
RGVQG Quilt Show	

Beginning Balance	\$13,714.71
Income	\$881.16
Expenses	\$65.72
Ending Balance	\$14,530.15
RGVQG Retreat	\$3,000.00

He mentioned that the annual rent, \$1620.00, for the storage unit in Weslaco had been paid. He will be transferring \$81.00 from the Quilt Show account into the Guild account. This represents the 5% the Show Committee pays to store some supplies in the Weslaco unit. These amounts will be shown in the next month's report. There were no questions or discussion and the report was filed for audit.

Diana Wolf, Bylaw Chair, presented a bylaw addition which had been approved by the Board to ask for membership approval. It adds to the Treasurer's duties and is numbered Article 4.12.03. The proposed bylaw is "Documents pertaining to the Guild's financial status shall be handled as per requirements of the IRS and the State of Texas". The membership approved the proposed addition.

The Secretary, Diana Wolf, stated the prior month's minutes were printed in the newsletter. There was no discussion or corrections and the minutes were approved.

Jean Waufle announced the presentation of ideas for the Bargain Boutique or quick and easy presents for family and friends by Kathe Letulle has been postponed until next month due to a family emergency. Jean would greatly appreciate any member to make a suggestion for a program or to teach a program to the Guild.

Judy Gillen will be presenting a Schoolhouse class in December about making corded bowls from clothesline and fabric scraps using your sewing machine. She provided a supply list and discussion about which cord makes the best bowl and other tips to make a successful project. She was introduced by Debbie Williams who is our Schoolhouse chair.

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A brief update on the Quilt Show was given. Mary Camp announced that Debbie Williams will be doing the Silent Auction. Mike Hall added that seven vendors have made commitments, however they were concerned about the Delta Covid variant. The vendors wanted a date from the Guild when it would be announced whether or not the show would be live. The vendors would have any deposits refunded if the show is not live.

Mike also mentioned that Go with Jo is planning a bus trip to the Houston Quilt show. He has some flyers with the details.

Our Show Board had explored planning a bus from the Upper Valley to the SPI Convention Center. Go with Jo could have a bus if a minimum of 40 riders commit for the bus trip. The cost would be \$39 per person for the day, and include Show admittance.

Gayle Steinbeck announced the door prize winners who were Kathy Dunning, Mary Camp, Lucy Klass, Donna Otto and Judy Gillen.

The newsletter deadline is this following Monday for article submission.

It was announced that when the Guild starts having in person meetings, we are planning to continue with Zoom web broadcasts at the same time.

Show and Tell had several quilts by several people. The workmanship and quilting were beautiful.

Marty Morrison adjourned the meeting at 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Secretary.



Newsletter Advertising

1/4 page \$25.00

1/2 page: \$50.00

Full page: \$100.00

Business Card \$10.00

Classified Ad: \$5.00 or 3-4 lines

Deadline: Monday following meeting on second Saturday of the month to be included in our next monthly publication. September 2021 content is due by the 13th. Newsletter is posted 12 times each year. Paid advertisers may put one ad per month on our Facebook page at no cost.

Guidelines for Article Submission:

- Digital format is preferred
- Please Include a "headline" or header for your article and your name with any other contact information
- Pictures, graphics including clip art preferred in .jpeg, .jpg, .gif or .png

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