



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

President's Threads That Bind

by Kathe Letulle

As of Saturday, September 11, 2021, the contract with Trophy Gardens has been signed. We are good to go!

ANNOUNCEMENT: RE WE READY TO RUMBLE??? November 13, 2021, at 9 AM will be the first in-house meeting at Trophy Gardens since we were shut down by COVID. The meeting also will be viewed via Zoom for those members who are not yet in the Valley is on the schedule. SOOOOO - if you know of a former member of the Guild, please invite them to the meeting. We miss everyone and looking forward to meeting NEW members we can get to know.

Again, election year is upon three offices and voting will be at the November 2021 Guild Yearly Business Meeting. This year – election positions will be President, Secretary and Programs. The past two years, all officers and Committee Chairpersons have done the impossible with COVID and unable to have in-house meetings. Thank goodness Zoom has accomplished great strides to keep the Guild intact. My many thanks to everyone who has given their all to the survival of the Guild.

As we begin to start anew with our in-house meetings, November will be voting for three Board offices and December will be Friendship Day Potluck. Jean Waufle is on the lookout for someone to assist in leading this activity. Please volunteer and let her know ASAP - programs@rgvqg.com.

For October, if you have any photos of our projects, please send the pics to info@rgvqg.com and for any in-house meetings, plans are to show those project pics for members unable to attend the meeting and will be on Zoom. Send in the pics.

Those who were not able to attend the September Meeting on Zoom surely missed an awesome program. Members spoke their pros and cons in reference to the Guild. All were noted and will be acted upon especially thanking Chris Cowan for volunteering to bring back the Block of the Month activity. Keep a watch for the first block and participate. Plus, ideas of all sorts to spur us on into projects, classes, educators, etc. All ideas were well rounded and helpful. Awesome Program.

Your newsletter is the communication between members and what is the latest information within your Guild. Articles are always welcomed especially what is happening within the Bees and independent members. We love to know the interests of members as it may be something of interest of others. Send any articles with any types of ideas, projects, or any tidbit that fellow quilters would enjoy. No idea is too small!

Again, I have rambled on but can say one thing – it sure is nice to be back in the state of Texas and the Rio Grande Valley where communication is readily at hand. No more going back to the dark ages for me, but again I do not live in the country where there are no cell and data towers near causing spotty service. Oh Well, Life goes on...

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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 October 9th, at 9 AM Central Time.

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

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

Announcements

REMEMBER - Programs Jean Waufle is looking for someone to spear head December Friendship Day.

BOARD VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN for Chair and Co-Chair: All other committees need co-chair volunteers.

1. HISTORIAN - Collect and maintain historical information of the Guild.
2. QUILT SHOW CHAIRS:

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! VOLUNTEER NOW!!!

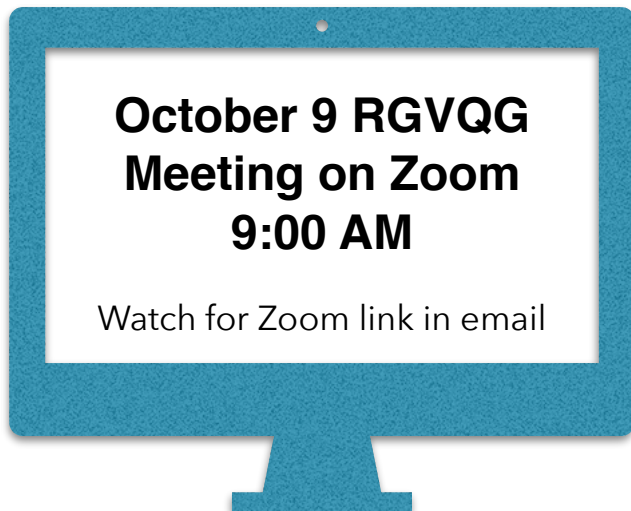


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Nomination Committee

by Jan Baethke

LAST CALL...PLEASE Help your Guild out! The nominating committee is STILL looking for a member to run for President. We're pretty sure that we have a nomination for Secretary and we know for sure that we have the Programs line on the November Ballot filled. We need to know before the October Board Meeting which is October 6th. Email us at nominating@rgvqg.com OR call one of us: Joy Paugh, Chris Cowan, Jan Rondeau, Nancy Tatro, or Janis Baethke.

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

For August, we had one report for 77 items, 421 hours and value of \$3052.25 and another for a Military Service Quilt for 7 hours, value \$217.50. This month, all submitted by MelliePeach: 20 items, 650 hours, \$4712.50 value. Total for last 2 months is 97 items, 1071 hours, \$7764.75 value.

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 203 members. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following:

- Yvonne Blush

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

Veteran Luis Trevino of McAllen was presented with a Military Service Quilt on August 18, 2021, by RGVQG member Kathy Dunning along with her husband Todd. The presentation was in Mr. Trevino's home where he proudly showed Kathy and Todd his collection of Model Planes and automobiles.



We thank Kathy and Todd 9 (L) for making the presentation and Veteran Trevino (R) for his multi-branch military service. We also thank Kathy Dunning for helping the MSQ committee by presenting the quilt and documenting the presentation via photograph.

Retreat News

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 41 attendees for Friendship Star Retreat and 44 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. Check with your roommates to ensure they have sent in their registration and deposit. The retreat is filling fast! 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 retreat@rgvqg.com

Sunshine and Shadows

by *Jackie Landon*

This month I've sent thinking of you cards to two people; **Sharon Degarimore**, who lost her son-in-law in an airplane accident and **Michele Dextras**, whose husband is hospitalized with a stroke. If you need either address, contact sunshine@rgvqg.com.

Please let me know of anyone who needs cards sent to others in our Guild. My friend, M. Lynne Johnson is making the cards for me. She is a new Guild member and quilts with me at Pharr South.

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 an awesome mentor prior to your own show and we contemplate not VIRTUAL SO sent 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! HELP to Keep This Quilt Guild function ONGOING!

Programs for the Fall Line Up

by *Jean Waufle*

October

Disappearing Nine Patch, Demo and Discussion

Come join us for a demo of the many things you can do with a nine patch and a rotary cutter. Yes, we are going to cut up a beautiful block and find many different patterns just by turning and twisting this simple block.

November

Our guest speaker (yes by zoom) is going to be Lori Dirkman Lori is going to present her solutions for all those scraps of that we have!

"Speedy Solutions for Cutting and Organizing Your Scrap Stash!"

Lori is going to present her solutions for all those scraps of that we have! There is going to be a virtual workshop to follow the week after her presentation. Watch the website for details and a date. Check out Lori's website for all of her amazing quilts and workshops. www.quiltingwithlori.com

December

Friendship day!

Since we don't have a chairman, that positions is available if you're interested, I know that all of you will help!! We need someone to be responsible for the pot luck, someone to oversee games and someone to help with demo. We have broken the event into segments so no one has to do all of the work. This has been a fun day in the past and with some help we plan on having a great time! More details on demo program later. Contact me if you are willing to help.

Jean Waufle 806-543-2055

2022 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

by Laural Powell

Quilt Show Classes

Online registration for the Quilt Show Classes is open on the Guild website (rgvqqg.com). Each person will have their own table, and no sewing machines are needed for either class. There are only 25 seats in each class, so be sure to sign up early!

Friday, February 18, 2022,

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Vintage Smocked Pincushion

Workshop \$40

Make a cute mini smocked pincushion in this half day class! You'll learn how to create the beautiful smocked center, and then complete the mini smocked pincushion in class. Once you make one, you just can't stop. You'll be making them for everyone you know! Great as gifts!



\$15 Kit Fee (payable day of class) - includes pattern, buttons, and polyfiller

Supplies Needed by Students:

- One fat quarter of your favorite (solid or tone on tone) fabric
- a pencil or marking pen that can be seen on your fabric
- scissors
- hand sewing needles and matching thread

Saturday, February 19, 2022,

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Petal Pushers Dimensional Wallhanging

Workshop \$40



Learn unique techniques while making these beautiful blossoms! These vintage sewing techniques will raise the surface of your quilt and truly impress. We'll learn handwork heirloom smocking techniques, tucking, ruching, and more, and put them all into this mini quilt bouquet. Quilt measures 12"x 12". No sewing machine required.

\$20 Kit Fee (payable day of class) – includes full pattern and instruction booklet plus tools to use in class

Supplies Needed By Students:

- Three or Four Fat quarters of flower color fabrics and at least one fat quarter of green fabric. Tone on tone or solid colors work best.
- Hand sewing needles
- Scissors
- Threads to match your fabrics – I use a 50 wt cotton, like Superior Threads Masterpiece or Aurifil cotton
- Sharp pins

Quilt Show Programs Presenter

Cheryl Sleboda

Texture. Technology. Textiles. Teacher. These are the things that identify the many aspects of Cheryl's sewing career.

Cheryl Sleboda is a full time quilter and fiber artist who loves heirloom sewing techniques made modern. I know when you think of heirloom sewists, you think of someone who looks like her, right?

She loves to do fabric manipulations to raise the surface of my quilts. Cheryl's work is often small... think 6 inches square. She loves vintage linens and the modern quilt and art quilt movements. Basically, she's not your grandmother's quilter.

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Cheryl is on a mission to be unique and weird in the quilting world. She used to groan at the headline "Not your grandmother's quilts". But you know what? That's what we do! We make stuff our grandmothers could not make! Cheryl is ok with that. And you should be too.

Cheryl teaches and lectures around the country, and she gets RAVE reviews from people who attend her talks and classes.

Cheryl has been on many episodes of Quilting Arts TV and It's Sew Easy TV, and countless magazines and newspapers. She also has a fun line of products from heirloom sewing tools to sewing skull shirts to show off your rock n roll quilter style. Cheryl recently started a company focused on cosplay called "Sew Much Cosplay" and has been teaching costuming for many years.

Cheryl is influenced by her other hobbies and interests, including comic books, science fiction, Japanese comics and culture, and pop culture from the 1980s.

You can visit her website at www.muppinn.com.

Quilt Show Silent Auction

Debbie Williams is the Chair of the Silent Auction, and for 2022 we will be doing things a little different. We are looking for a wider range of items for people to bid on to raise even more money for the Guild.

Ideas Debbie has had for businesses:

- Restaurants - coupon
- Spa / massage business – coupon
- Gift shops – coupon
- Home decor shops – coupon
- Dinner cruise – coupon
- Individuals offering to share their talents
- Quilting services (limit size)
- Fishing trip – guide service
- Wine tasting
- Craft class (painting, stain glass, etc)
- Birding trip
- Cleaning / organizing service

Debbie would like to get helpers from several of the different communities in the upper and lower valley. She'd like those helpers to focus in their own communities. If you would like to help or even have another idea for an auction item, contact Debbie at qssilentauction@rgvqg.com.

Totes and More

Requests for donations to Totes and More for the 2022 RGVQG Quilt Show

Use your imagination and have fun. This is a fundraiser for the Guild! "Quality vs Quantity"

- Choose a Theme: and develop it! Pick items you would like to have in your home.
- This is Not the time to get rid of your old patterns and supplies you no longer want. Save those for the Guild sale.
- We would like you to pack your donation securely for moves. Please use a heavy cardboard box and tape securely!!
 - ✓ If you do include breakable items please wrap them as for mailing and mark the box *Fragile*.
 - ✓ If you include perishables or foods, make sure they are sealed by the manufacturer
 - ✓ No Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the Convention Center. We had a Wine Tote And the donor arranged for a later pick up.
- Include a list of all items and place in an envelope at the top of the package so it is easily accessible to us. If there is anything that we may not recognize, please explain.
- Include your Name, Address, email and phone Number.
- If a group contributes, assign a contact person and their name, address, email and Phone number...and the names of all who contributed. (This is only for our use.) We will not sell your info..no matter how hard we are pressured 🤔🤔
- Turn in your donation at a Guild Meeting. We will be back face to face by November. That gives you November, December and January. We prefer not

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to accept them at the Quilt Show as we have several things to prepare before setting up.

We have always had wonderful, generous and creative donations from Y'all I know this year will be No exception and even better!!

Thanking you now for your unique and interesting donations to "Totes N More"

Co-Chairmen:

Mary Camp, marycamp1619@gmail.com ,
918-520-0672

Barbara Hall twoofus.mbh@hotmail.com
605-890-7935

Please contact one of us for questions. Happy Quilting

Bee News



Mission Bee met on Sept 6th. Members have been working on the Bee Banner for the RGV Quilt show. It is finished, (almost). Show & tell never disappoints! Quilts were shown as well as darling Christmas place mats. December 6th was chosen for the Christmas party. A fun time will be had by all! Our contribution for the RGV Quilt show auction will be a fall themed bag stuffed to the brim with goodies. Members will be making "fidget" lap quilts for the Veterans care center in McAllen. These are fun to make & gives the maker an opportunity to get very creative as they are all different & there is really not a pattern. Each year we have a different individual project. Sometimes it is one pattern interpreted by each individual. For 2022 we have decided on a "standing round robin". Can't wait to see the results. Anyone interested in joining the Mission Bee can contact Sandy Baggot at 956-358-3229.

The Wanna Bees Buzz

by Anita Pineda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! THE WANNA BEES! On September 13, 2021, we celebrate 21 years of existence! Some Bees have come and gone. New

Bees have joined, but the faithful Bees have remained. Founders Adela Saldana and Nora Gil have and continue to keep the Wanna Bees buzzing. May Adela and Nora always be comforted by the warmth and joy of a handmade quilt by our Bee-hood and camaraderie of fabric, stitches, and thread! We are SEW BLESSED!

The Wanna Bees have continued to buzz since last month! We held 3 weekend retreats: August 6-8, August 20-22, and September 3-5th.

Diane Wolf attended the August 20th retreat teaching the ladies a lesson on basic sewing machine maintenance: oiling the machine; best sewing machine oil and where to purchase it; bobbin tension and bobbin sizes and the slight difference in bobbins as not all bobbins fit all machines! Then there was the binding lesson: how to make the perfect corner and stitching in the ditch. Each Bee worked on their UFOs whether it was piecing a quilt top, quilt backing, or curtain lining. At each retreat, the Bees assisted each other in areas of need. Cindy needed assistance on curtain lining. Dalia needed help on quilting with a regular sewing machine. Josie encouraged Anita learn and use a flange binding on her quilt. Seems as all the Wanna Bees have a



Diane helping our Bee, Cindy, with curtain lining



Bees Dalia and Josie quilt on a sewing machine.

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hard time with color coordination, so we all make our suggestions for fabric selections.

We have held our regular meetings, discussing our plans for the flower fund, the Bees T-shirt and participation with the RGV Quilt Guild membership and quilt show. Queen Bee Anita has requested the Bees to make suggests for summer retreat and field trip dates. Plans continue with the usual Wanna Bees calendar: Christmas party, Christmas Ornament exchange, the Quilt Show and our favorite subject Show & Tell!

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SHOW DATES & HOURS

Oct. 27, Preview Night:
6-9 pm
(class enrollees get in at 5 pm)

Oct. 28, 29, & 30:
10 am-7 pm

Oct. 31:
10 am-4 pm

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RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

by Diana Wolf

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Kathe Letulle, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Because our meeting happened to fall on the 10-year anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, a moment of silence and individual prayer was observed.

A quorum was established.

The Treasurer's report:

Monthly Account Balances as of 8/31/2021

RGVQG Checking

Beginning Balance	\$13,315.13
Income	
Schoolhouse Registrations	\$120.00
Membership	\$120.00
Storage Unit Income	\$81.00
AmazonSmile Donation	\$27.70
PayPal Giving Fund Donation	\$3.00
	\$351.70

Expense

Weslaco Storage Unit Rental	\$1,620.00
PayPal transaction fees	\$8.31

\$1,628.31

Ending Balance

\$12,038.52

RGVQG Savings

Beginning Balance	\$33,164.98
Interest Income	\$0.84
Ending Balance	\$33,165.82

RGVQG Quilt Show

Beginning Balance	\$14,530.15
Income	\$550.00
Expenses	\$1,435.76
Ending Balance	\$13,644.39

RGVQG Retreat

\$3,000.00

The Treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.

The Secretary's report was approved.

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Kathe presented an update on the Quilt show. Progress continues to be made. There are still a few positions available for volunteers for the Show. Bonnie Hall stated she has the registrations open for quilt entries and classes by the Show speaker. You can register for one or both classes at the same time. Roster information for both Show and Schoolhouse classes is also available on the RGVQG Members Only page.

Kathe noted we need Chairs for 2023 and 2024. If one or both of these positions are not filled, it will significantly impact the Guild in a negative way. She asked for persons willing to do this to come forward. The Guild has a significant amount of fixed expenses which must be covered. She is very concerned our bank balance could go to zero by December of next year without Quilt Show revenues.

Mike Hall noted that Go With Jo tour company is willing to provide a bus to and from the upper valley to our Show on Friday. The route would include pickup and return to Mission and Weslaco. He needs to hear who is interested. It was suggested this be advertised outside of the Guild to parks which have quilting groups but are not in the Guild.

Jean Waufle presented the program. The attendees were presented a list of questions and asked the members to pick one they would like to discuss. The group was split into Zoom rooms and asked to select a spokesperson for their group and report back on their question. The members came back with many good tips and suggestions, seemed to enjoy the opportunity to visit with others in their group.

Planning for Friendship Day has begun. Presently there is no chair, but one would be welcome. We are planning a potluck, some demonstrations and some games. It may include a Chinese auction where gently used items are wrapped, people are assigned numbers and the items can be stolen.

After the program, the discussion turned to why we no longer have a Block of the Month presented

during the General Meetings. The chairs of the committee are no longer members of the Guild and no one else has stepped forward. If a committee chair would volunteer, this could return. Chris Cowan volunteered to become the chair of Block of the Month.

Kathe asked that Jan Rondeau be sent articles to include in her Publicity activities which she can include in the newsletter or in announcements to Valley print media.

It was announced that articles are due Monday to the Newsletter Editor, Judy Brown.

Door prize winners were announced by Gayle Steinbeck who explained how the winners were chosen. The winners are: Kris Driscoll, Chris Cowan, Beth Braun, Kathy Snyder, and Linda Damon.

Show and Tell followed with pictures of quilts, table runners, placemats, mug mats and bags done by members. Mary Camp complimented our members for their good work and willingness to share with others. Mary Britton showed bookmarks for the corner of a page. They were well received and she was asked to share the directions. She plans to make more for the Boutique. Sandy Shelter has made folded star hot pads and will be teaching a 3-hour class on them at Tropic Winds RV Park. Some of these could be in the Boutique too. Beach fabric items often sell well.

Several members commented about making guests and new members feel welcome at our meetings. It is too easy to sit with our friends we know and not reach out to let newcomers know we are a friendly group. If a new member volunteers to become involved with a project or committee, it becomes a quick way to know other members. Zoom has helped several people put names and faces together, and several credited it with keeping the organization alive. We are all looking forward to in person meetings.

Marty Morrison noted we are looking for candidates for officers. The Nominating committee is trying to find persons willing to step into positions.

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Kathe Letulle announced that management of Trophy Gardens has signed a contract with the Guild. We can begin in person Guild meetings in November. The meetings will also continue on Zoom as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Secretary.

Quilt Show Survey

Would you be interested in a bus from the upper valley (Mission) to the quilt show (South Padre Island CC) with several pickup stops in between for around \$39 per person (includes entry into show)?

[RGVQG Quilt Show Bus Survey](#)

Lakeview Quilters Guild Auction

The Lakeview Quilters Guild in Nassau Bay invites you to our 2021 Online Auction: <https://auctria.com/auction/LakeviewQuiltersGuild>

Bidding opens Tuesday, October 12 and closes Sunday, October 24. The online auction features completed quilts, lottery block sets, and vintage quilts donated by members and friends of LQG. Feel free to browse! Registration is required to bid.

If you happen to be traveling to Houston, our in-person event is Monday, October 18, 2021, from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay, TX 77058 (right across from the Johnson Space Center). The event includes a Silent Auction and Boutique featuring fabric, notions, kits, small quilts, block sets, magazines, patterns & books. Cash, Checks, Credit Cards accepted.

For more about our guild, see www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org.

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. October 2021 content is due by the 11th. 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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TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM
History in the Making

New Exhibits Feature Stories, Minis, and Antique Treasures!

September 7, 2021—LA GRANGE, TEXAS—The Autumn/Winter exhibits at the Texas Quilt Museum once again showcase the variety and breadth of the art form with three very diverse offerings. The exhibits **will be on display from September 23-December 19, 2021** not only during normal hours, but also **extended times** when the Museum is open every single day from October 21-31 (10 am-4 pm) during Houston's International Quilt Market and International Quilt Festival.



Quilts from l to r: *Last Suppers* (66" x 69") by Jane Burch Cochran; *The Collector* (45" x 60") by Wendy Huhn, photo by Dennis Galloway; and *Lens Flare* (31" x 31") by Joan Schulze.

Storylines: Jane Burch Cochran, Wendy Huhn, and Joan Schulze will consist of 14 works by the trio of talented quilters under this specific theme. A storyline consists of the narrative threads connecting characters and events, often with surprise twists that can complicate the main narrative as it weaves the events that hold our attention until the end.

Jane Burch Cochran catches our attention with her ornamental embellishment of beads, buttons, and paint, enhancing her narratives with an abundance of texture that keeps our eyes moving around the surface.

Wendy Huhn's signature techniques of image transfer and screen-printing vividly enable her to present her tales, juxtaposing imaginary characters with mundane objects to pique our curiosity.

Joan Schulze, who is also a poet, gathers her photographs, fragments of text, and other materials into surfaces that make her stories sing, with themes of loss, personal connections, and individuality.

Dr. Sandra Sider, Museum curator, comments, "this exhibition brings you three of my favorite quilt artists, whose works have amused and intrigued audiences for many years. Come see what they have to say!"

Hidden Treasures: Antique Quilts from the Collection of Carolyn Miller will feature more than 25 quilts showing some of the best of Miller's pieces, which she began acquiring in the early 1990's after her own quilting journey began.

Museum Collections Manager Vicki Mangum is the guest curator. **And Miller herself will give a special free gallery tour/talk on Saturday, October 3, at 3 pm (with Museum admission free beginning at 2 pm).**

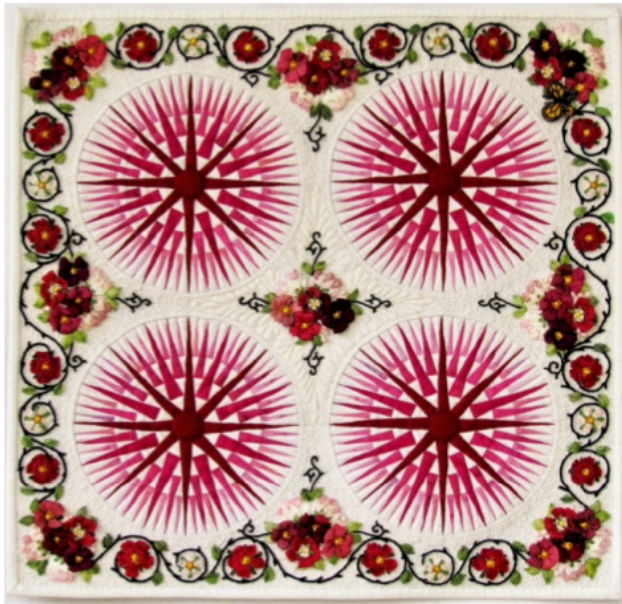
While Miller has done her own quilting by machine, she was very intrigued by the pictures of quilts in magazines with gorgeous hand quilting.

In one of those magazines, she saw a small ad for a meeting in Paducah, KY, and immediately signed up for it. It was her first seminar with the American Quilt Study Group and the first session she attended was with Merikay Waldvogel speaking about collectors of early quilt patterns.

Miller has also collected a large library of quilt history books that continue to teach her about the antique fabrics and styles of the different quilts she has amassed. Guest curator Vicki Mangum, says "the depth and breadth of Miller's collection is awe inspiring!"



An red and green appliqué quilt from Carolyn Miller's collection.



Bouquets with Tudor Rose by Kumiko Frydl

Finally, the work of one of the world's best-known quilters of smaller works is celebrated with the 30 pieces in ***Miniature Art, Grand Designs***, by Kumiko Frydl.

Japanese designer Kumiko Frydl settled in Houston after residing in Canada and Great Britain. With a background in commercial art and dressmaking, she began quilting in 1987 after she moved to Canada. Her first projects were quilted garments, and then she moved on to medium-sized quilts.

But because her husband's job required her to relocate frequently, Frydl began to concentrate mainly on miniature quilts, which are easy to transport.

She quilts by hand and machine, and has become an expert in ribbon embroidery. Her amazing miniature pieces have won numerous prizes at the major quilt festivals, and Frydl has been honored with solo exhibitions in France, Japan, Russia, and Spain. Dr. Sandra Sider, Museum curator, says "we are thrilled to share the incredible talent of Kumiko Frydl with our visitors!"

The Texas Quilt Museum is located at 140 W. Colorado St., La Grange, TX 78945. It is open Thurs.-Sat. from 10 am-4 pm. Learn more at www.TexasQuiltMuseum.org.

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Night Cruise on the River Thames by Kumiko Frydl