



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

President's Threads That Bind

by Kathe Letulle

Blessings all around! Trophy Gardens was vibrating - 99 members and 31 guests (be sure to check out Membership Committee report) which equals 130 attendees in house plus 11 attendees on ZOOM for Friendship Day! WOW!! WOW!!

Although we did have a business meeting, members and guests now have the knowledge of the duties of Guild Board volunteers. Your Guild Board is an important governing body of the Guild, and the members of the Board are dedicated to the future of the Guild. There are Chair positions open on the Guild Board, so please consider one or more of these Chairs and assist in the future of your Guild.

It has been a great 4 years as your President. I was blessed with a support team within and outside of the Board. Your Guild Family is a group of amazing individuals with all variation of talents. Everyone can learn from one another and those that are willing to share those talents will be rewarded. Support your Guild and the Guild Future will be there for you. I vacate the office of President with a full heart and know that the Guild will be in the capable hands of your new President, Marsha Santow. Please give her all the support possible, as these changing times are challenging.

As this is my last message to you as your President, I would like to leave you with a positive thought. A GOOD LIFE is when you ASSUME NOTHING, DO MORE, NEED LESS, SMILE OFTEN, DREAM BIG,

LALUGH A LOT, and REALIZE HOW BLESSED YOU ARE! Go Forth!

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!

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Blessings! And So Long! Kathe - 956-272-2377
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Announcements

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN for Chair and Co-Chair: All other committees need co-chair volunteers. Please advise Marsha Santow (marsha.santow@gmail.com) or myself, Kathe Letulle (katheletulle02241949@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for volunteering.

1. Newsletter - monthly to the Guild members
BOARD - the position needs to be filled ASAP as Judy Brown has vacated the Chair.
2. HISTORIAN - Collect and maintain Historical Information of the Guild
3. QUILT SHOW CHAIRS: ASAP VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

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!!!

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@rgvq.com. 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!



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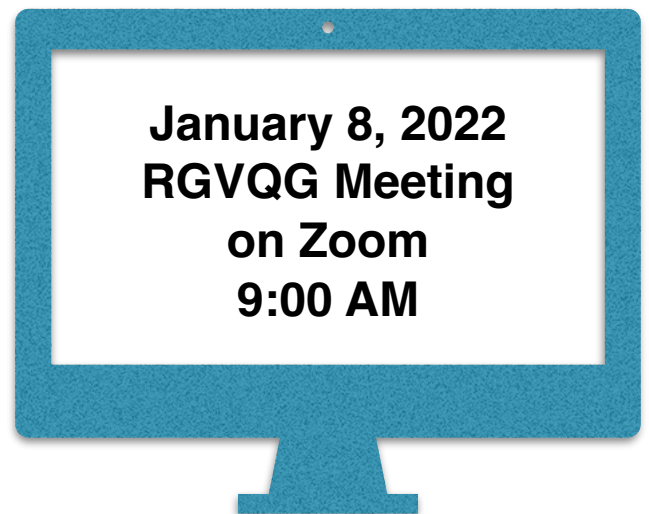
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Nomination Committee

by Diana Wolf

We will have an election at the Jan General Meeting for the office of Secretary.

We have a candidate, Kristi Gomez. We will take nominations from the floor then too.



Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my Quilting Friends.

A special **"Thanks"** to all who attended the December Friendship meeting at Trophy Gardens and renewed their membership.

You can be a member of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild 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.

You can now renew your membership for 2022. The annual dues are \$30.00.

Just click on the link below:

<https://form.jotform.co/rgvquiltguild/membership>

or send a check made payable to **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** to:

RGVQG Membership
PO Box 32
Weslaco, TX 78599-0032

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.

There will be no Membership cards printed, but you will receive an e-mail with the password information to access the "Members Only" and Guild Directory information.

So, for the 2022 membership we currently have 157. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following **New & Returning Members:**

Kay Abel	Marjorie Lehman
Amiee Banks	Leslie Lorenzo
Florence Berube	Donna Mac Neil
Ruth Binoniemi	Nancy Malmin
Deb Blackbourn	Heather Merkau
Bev Blair	Marty Morrison
Judy Blum	Elaine Mucichuk
Aly Bradley	Michele Nichols

Mary Braun
Janet Campbell
Chris Cowan
Terry Davis
Karen Dill
Karen Dodd
Kris Driscoll
Melissa Espino
Evelyn Fincher
Mary Finnegan
Bev Fleming
Becky Forschler
Val Forsyth
Betty Frey
Judy Gillen
Elaine Hall
Sharon Harper
Nancy Heeter
Nancy Kinyon
Alannah Langlois
Marge Lawrence

Linda Osborne
Renee-Claude Pageau
Joy Paugh
Nancy Plantz
Katherine Rose
Carol Schilling
Patsy Schumacher
Bobbie Scott
Sandy Shetler
Rachel Skye
Linda Stutsman
Darlene Talbott
Teri Thurston
Debra Warner
Mark Warner
Kathy Webber
Judy S. White
Beverly Widdows
Marjorie Wold
Randi York

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

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

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

FriendShip Star - March 14 - 18, 2022

There are seven openings. If you have an interest, please print the form from the website – rgvqg.com – under retreat in the Members Only Page, mail form and full payment. The deadline for final payment for attendees with a deposit is due by December 31, 2021. Please mail final payment to:

Kathe Letulle
1001 Segovia
Mercedes TX 78570-7100

BlueBonnet Friends - March 20 - 24, 2022

This retreat is full and now a waiting list with two thus far. If you wish to be placed on the Wait List – just email 956-272-2377 and I will place your name

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on the listing. Never know when your number will come up and you can attend the Guild Retreat. Final payment is due by the January 2022 Guild Meeting - January 8, 2022. You can either bring final payment to the meeting or mail final payment to:

Kathe Letulle
1001 Segovia
Mercedes TX 78570-7100

FOR BOTH RETREATS - Check with your roommates to ensure they have sent in their final payment.

Everyone is looking forward to the retreats next year and loads of fun interacting with each other!!!

Kathe Letulle - retreat@rgvqg.com

Schoolhouse Classes

by *Debbie Williams*

Both the November and December Schoolhouse classes have been well attended and have provided the attendees with new skills. I hope you will check out what is planned for January, February and March.

All classes will be in-person at Trophy Gardens, in the card room, down the hall where the restrooms are. We had the December class there, and found the room to be excellent for classes.

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 the first Friday of each month from 9:00am to 3:00pm with a break for lunch. Feel free to bring your lunch, or else you can go out to one of the local restaurants.

To register for a class, go to the main page of the Guild website...RGVQG.com. Each Schoolhouse class is listed, with a link to enroll. Once you click on the link, you will need to fill in the form and provide a method of payment.

To access information about the class as well as the supplies list, select the drop down menus that is in the upper left hand corner of the Guild's page. (This will be the 3 horizontal lines.) Select the Schoolhouse link where you will find pictures of

each class project and instructor. The supplies list is provided for each class.

January:

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

Instructor: Pat Cooper

The Siddis are Indians of Southeastern 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. Your stitches don't need to be perfect or uniform. 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? When Marty shows you how to cut the original block and insert strips to create a whole new block! She will have samples to share that will help you create your block. Your finished block will look much more complicated than what you started with!

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.

Community Service

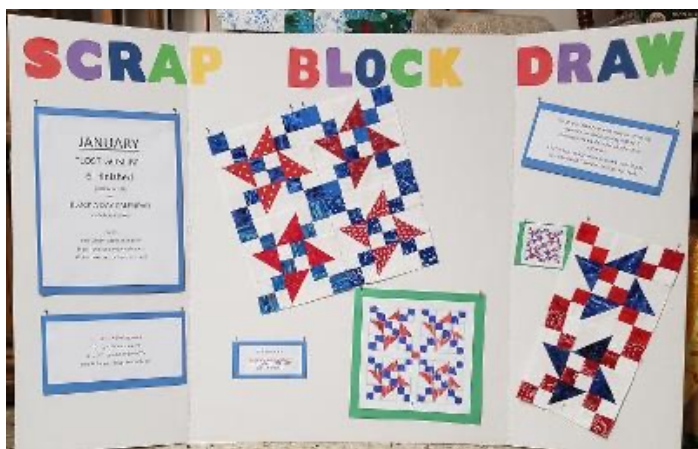
by *Chris Cowan*

For the 4th quarter reported so far were 1661 items for 6308.6 hours, with a \$45,737.35 value.

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

The projects made by winners Bonnie Hall and Thelma Wood from the 58 Disappearing Nine Patch (DNP) blocks submitted in November were presented at the December meeting. Hopefully someone has a picture or two they can share on our Facebook page as I was helping celebrate my dad's 90th birthday. 33 Disappearing Four Patch (D4P) blocks were submitted and the winners were Renee Pageau and me, Chris Cowan. Hoping again someone got a picture or two!!



January's block is from the Block A Day Calendar by Debbie Kratovil. It's the September 16th block, "Lost Goslin," a 6" finished block. Colors are red, white and blue. Nice secondary patterns appear when set together and another fun variation is to sash them with a red cornerstone. Made as a 12" block would



work wonderfully in a Military Service Quilt.

Military Service Quilts

by Mellie Peach

Military Service Quilts had a very busy November, distributing over 30 quilts to Rio Grande Valley Resident Veterans. We were the very thankful recipients of a bolt of batting from RGVQG member, Elaine Hall! We are also in the process of receiving a check for \$100 from a resident of Alamo Country Club! The check was made out to a RGVQG member to forward to the Military Service Quilt Committee. With these two donations, we know we'll be able to provide many quilts to our RGV Resident Veterans.

At the RGVQG FRIENDSHIP DAY, December 11, 2021, several quilts were contributed to the Military Service Quilt committee. Renee Pageau brought in a Double Bed Size and 5 Wheel Chair Quilts; thank you Renee. Also, 2 quilts were anonymously turned in. MSQ sincerely thanks all for these contributions. In addition, 9 ready-to-long-arm bundles were taken by Nancy Kinyon of Winter Haven Resort in Brownsville. Thank you Nancy for volunteering to take these to long-arm for the MSQ Committee and all RGVQG members. A MSQ quilt was given to RGVQG member Thelma Woods for a surprise presentation to a veteran, the husband of another RGVQG member. Photo will be posted. Dinora Cavazos, RGVQG member in Mercedes, has volunteered to bind some MSQs.

A military Sew Day is scheduled for January 19, 2022, at Snow To Sun Resort located at 1701 N. International Boulevard, Weslaco, TX 78599. Hours will be 9-1:30 and free lunch will be provided by the Resident Activities Association; snacks will be served by the Sew and Sew Bee to all participating in the Sew Day. Please let Val Forsyth (956-375-2694) or Mellie Peach (303-517-2374) know if you're going to be able to attend so enough lunches will be available. There will be stations for sewing, pressing, cutting and kits, as well as some fabric selection. Completed Veteran or MSQ tops, quilts or batting as well as batting and backing will gratefully be received. Snow to Sun looks forward to seeing many of the RGVQG members and friends.

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Another Military Sew Day is scheduled for Trophy Gardens in February. More details will be provided at the January and the February 2022 Guild Meetings and in the January Newsletter.

MSQ looks forward to your help in Thanking the Valley Veterans for their service and all that they have done.

Community Outreach

by Diana Wolf

We have a group who are learning to sew. They are learning to thread their machines, know how to adjust tension, how to sew straight lines and more about pins, needles, thread and fabric. Some of their first projects are shown, a man's shirt turned into an apron, binding a quilted doll blanket and making a fabric boxy bag. Soon we will tackle a wrist pincushion.

We have to thank so many in the Guild who have generously provided fabric, scraps, thread, notions and some sewing machines. These are so very much appreciated.



Show Auction

by Debbie Williams

I want to thank those of you who have given me items, or are working on items for our Quilt Show Silent Auction. I have received a certificate for Quilting Services for a quilt, a cleaning for your Featherweight (in case you missed the November Schoolhouse class) and 4 tickets for golf at the Laguna Vista course on So Padre Island...just to name a few. But I need many more! I'd like to have at least 20 items each day...so a total of 40 individual items.

I need help throughout the Valley, within each community, to secure items for the auction. Do you know of someone who is good at woodworking? Perhaps they would donate an item...or two! What about your favorite restaurant...would they donate a couple of dinners for the auction?

Each person/business can set their own parameters for this coupon...including an expiration date.

Please reach out to me to discuss your ideas....I can help you bring your ideas to life.

Call or text me at 479-899-3072 or email me at debrichwill@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance...I can't wait to work with you and get to know you better!

Bee News

by Diana Wolf



New groups are buzzin' around and we hope to develop some new members soon.

Some Bees have requested visits and demonstrations of techniques or other quilting related skill areas. Two are scheduled in January. Any Bee can request a visit.

The Guild publicity flyer has been updated to current information and can be distributed to interested persons. If you want the flyer, please contact Diana Wolf.

Row Quilters

by Marty Morrison

The Row Quilters meet on Fridays at Alamo Country Clubhouse. This is an open Bee, so you don't have to live at Alamo Country Club.

We are working on a Bee Banner for the 2022 Quilt Show, having fun making different designs for each row.

Currently everyone is working on a different project of their choice. We are discussing a group project for 2022, but no definite plans.

We had fun visiting at our Christmas lunch, of course we had lots of good things to eat, and we are looking forward to sewing together in 2022.

Wanna Bees "Buzz"

by Anita Pineda

The Wanna Bees spread their wings and flew to Corpus Christi on November 27th! We flew five miles north, out of our turning point to CC because the new expressway was opened. On arrival, we had breakfast at Jaliscos on Airline Dr., then flew across town for "thrifting" at the Bumble Bee. Finally, the fabric shopping started at "Heirloom Elegance." Flew over the Corpus Christi Bay to "Sew Hooked" but was closed for the Thanksgiving holidays. Flying back, the Wanna Bees stopped at the Singer Sewing Center where they just about bought out the store with gadgets and fabric! Last stop was the mall on Staples, but we couldn't leave on an empty stomach, so we had dinner at Olive Garden! Lots of eating, shopping and fun was had by the Bees who flew the hive for a day! We meet only once in November, but an emergency meeting was called to work on the Banner for the RGV Quilt show. Decisions were finalized and banner was completed for the final touches be completed by quilter. The Quilt Banner Squad will register the banner soon. December's meeting was the Christmas party. The Christmas party menu was made up of traditional tamales, rice, pico de gallo and frijoles rancheros! Deserts were plenty but to mention a few, cherry

pie, pan de polvo, buñellos, and yule log! The Bees played CRL game with fat quarters. The CRL winner was Anita Pineda taking home 36 fat quarters! Anita was out of the game by the first round but ended up the winner at the end! The Wanna Bees were very creative with their Christmas Ornaments for the contest! It was hard to vote on just one, but they buzzed around, selecting the Teacup Christmas Ornament submitted by Anita Pineda. She won a basket full of sewing items donated by each member. In the Christmas Spirit Anita raffled a Teapot Christmas Ornament from the basket. Adela won the Teapot Christmas Ornament! To end the party, each Bee distributed their Christmas Ornament creation to each member (because part of the contest was to make an ornament for each member). Finally, each Bees fuzzed and buzzed exchanging gifts and thanking each other for gifts received as well as giving! In the true style of Wanna Bees, they all buzzed around the hive to clean up before they left for the year! This was the Wanna Bees last swarm of the year as only the Wanna Bees only meet once in December due to the Christmas holiday!

See page 10 for a Christmas greeting from the Wanna Bees.

RGVQG Quilt Show

February 18-19, 2022



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

by Diana Wolf

December 11, 2021

Present remotely: Diana Wolf, Marge Wold, Judy Brown, Judy White, Audrey Croft, Marilyn H, Linda Damon, Alice Gibson, Audrey Horton, Jan Bathke, Rachel Skye. Present in person were 93 members and 31 guests. From the guests, we gained five new members. A quorum was established.

Kathe Letulle called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Jean Waufle was excited to see such a wonderful turnout. She also reminded the members who brought guests to encourage their guests to join the Guild. She also thanked Gail Steinbeck, her husband and Renie Stinson, a volunteer, who all put in much effort getting their hall ready for our meeting.

Kathe reminded us the Guild members are all here for each other; we educate each other, celebrate with each other, and sometimes depend on each other through life's journey. Whether we connected over Zoom, or in person at meetings like this, we continue to survive as a Guild. She stated the Board still needs volunteers for several positions, Historian, Secretary, Newsletter, Publicity and a Quilt Show Chair for the 2023 Show.

The Secretary's report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit. It will also appear in the newsletter.

Marty Morrison, Membership Chair, stated today we had 22 new and renewing members.

Military Service Quilts represented by Mellie Peach explained we try to give nominated veterans a quilt from the Guild in honor of their service. She asked for veterans in the audience to raise their hand and applause was heard. She, and the Guild, are always looking for volunteers. The volunteers can give time, donations of fabric, batting or cash, donate

their services to their committee or others. She announced a Military Sew Day on January 19th, at Snow to Sun. Everyone is invited, you do not have to be a member of the Guild to participate.

Jean Waufle, Program Chair, explained a Program chair finds people to present at our meetings. We can present some national speakers when the budget permits, and we also have several talented quilters within the Guild. Presentations can be done in person or on Zoom.

Jan Rondeau is the incoming Program Chair. She is leaving the Publicity Chair and needs to be replaced. It can be done on your own time, and much help is available from her and also the contacts at the media outlets. No special talent required.

Jan was filling in for Chris Cowan, Block Draw chair. Thirty-three 12-inch disappearing four patch blocks were turned in, which could be enough for a couple of quilts. Chris Cowan's name was drawn for half the blocks, and the rest were won by a member from Canada. Bonnie Hall turned in a quilt made from last month's blocks.

Laural Powell introduced herself as Facebook Chair. The Guild has a FB page for our closed group, and she approves members who request access.

She is also the Quilt Show Chair and this year we are planning an in-person show. Quilt registration is open, and the committee can arrange to register the quilts at your Bee if you request this. She showed the Opportunity Quilt, Ruby Whirlwind, and announced over \$1000.00 of tickets were now sold with more tickets to be distributed. Some contributions for the Silent Auction, Totes and More and the Boutique were brought to today's meeting. Two classes will be held at the Show, no sewing machine required to complete them. She is available for any questions.

The schoolhouse attendees last month made corded bowls, and Debbie Williams talked about this and previous classes taught by Guild members. Future classes will be a slow stitching technique

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from India in January, an exploding four patch in February, and a hand project, "Fun with Circles" in March.

Diana Wolf talked about teaching beginning sewing with Josie McVey to a group of new sewers in Lyford, Texas. Some don't have sewing machines but arrangements were made to loan them. Guild members have been generous with their scraps, fabric, notions and some older sewing machines for this effort, and it is appreciated by all.

Debi Warner made the group aware there will be a quilt appraiser at the Show. It's important to have a quilt appraised. In case of an unfortunate accident, the insurance value is equal to a cheap blanket cost at a big box store. Having a quilt appraised is also a thorough educational experience about your quilt and includes many relevant details about it.

The Guild also sponsors two retreats, each about 5 days long. It is held at the John Newcome Tennis Ranch near San Antonio. Food is prepared by a chef, so all you need to do is sew as much as you want. There are excellent accommodations and excellent comradery experienced. There are a few openings at the first retreat and a wait list for the second.

Kathe introduced Marsha Santow, the incoming president. The Fat Quarter draw was held.

Pat Skye announced fifteen Bees have loaned quilts to be exhibited at the Harlingen Arts and Heritage Museum from middle of January to middle of March.

Kathe Letulle presented several ideas for Bargain Barn boutique items which are quick and easy to make. The Boutique makes money for the Guild at the Quilt Show. Patterns and information to make these will be posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Secretary

Treasurer Report

by Mike Hall

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Treasurer's November 2021 Report

Monthly Account Balances as of 11/30/2021

RGVQG Checking

Beginning Balance **\$10,696.73**
Income

2021 Schoolhouse Regs	\$160.00
2022 Schoolhouse Regs	\$60.00
2022 Membership Dues	\$2940.00
November Meeting Guest Fees	\$50.00
November Program Classes	\$90.00
January Program Classes	\$45.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$10.00
2022 Quilt Show Appraisal Fee	\$5.00
Amazon Smile Donation	\$22.68
Donation	\$20.00
Paypal Giving Fund Donation	\$5.00

\$3,407.68

Expense

PayPal transaction fees	(\$59.23)
2021 Schoolhouse refunds	(\$60.00)
Quilt Show Vendor Refund	(\$50.00)
Microsoft 360 subscription	(\$116.91)
Military Service material	(\$564.75)
Trophy Gardens Rental	(\$300.00)

(1,150.89)

Ending Balance

\$12,953.52

RGVQG Savings

Beginning Balance **\$33,167.49**

Interest Income **\$0.82**

Ending Balance **#33,168.31**

RGVQG Quilt Show

Beginning Balance **\$12,849.78**

Income **\$510.00**

Expenses **(\$51.96)**

Ending Balance **\$13,307.82**

RGVQG Retreat

\$3,000.00

*Merry Christmas!
May your Christmas be patched with joy
And
Quilted with lots of Love!*



Cindy & Dinor shopping in CC.



Dinor & Adeia satisfied with purchase.



Wanna Bees ending CC trip with dinner.



Wanna Bees busy buzzing creating the Banner!



All Wanna Bees enjoying the Christmas Feast!



Anita wins the CRL game She wins 36 fat quarters!

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. January 2022 content is due by the 10th. 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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