



RGVQGG News

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

President's Threads That Bind

I hope everything is going well for all of you. It has been a busy month for me and things will start slowing down for the summer.

For any of you that have never attended a retreat, I want to tell you that you missed a wonderful time. We all had a great time and did lots of sewing and shopping, sewing and shopping, you get the idea. As usual I overestimated what I would get done and spent too much.

We have a desperate need for the guild. Our secretary had to resign, so we need a new secretary. It is not that hard a job and we have helpers to guide you through. The board meetings are held on Zoom so you can record them and make your notes from there. **Please consider volunteering.**

For those headed north for the summer, I wish you safe travels. See you in the fall.

Marsha Santow

Our APOLOGIES to those of you who attempted to join the Guild's ZOOM meeting on Saturday, April 9th. We are trying to determine why the Meeting ID numbers and/or the link provided in the April 7th email did not allow you to join the meeting. A link to the slideshow presentation by the speaker, Erum Javed of [Erum Prints](#), can be accessed on the [Past Programs](#) page of the website.

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Schoolhouse Classes

by Debbie Williams

Schoolhouse is done for the spring! Look for announcements in August or September of exciting opportunities to learn in classes starting again in November.

Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

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.

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 that 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.

I'm starting early - looking for a Membership Person to replace me in 2023. When we meet again in person in November would be a great time for someone to learn the membership process. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting.

For the 2022 membership we currently have 251. Since the last newsletter we want to “Welcome” the following **New & Returning Members**:

Doris Anderson	Shirley Atchison
Reta Compton	Ali Hiles
Dorothy Roth	Susan Tennyson
Katherine Tillotson	

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

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

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Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

CO-Chairs - Elaine Hall and Marty Morrison

Retreats for 2022 are now history.

Friendship Star - 30 members attended retreat.

Bluebonnet Friends - 46 members attended retreat.

New dates for 2023 are:

Friendship Star - **March 13-17, 2023** with 34 registered attendees. No wait list at present.

Bluebonnet Friends - **March 19-23, 2023** with 48 registered attendees plus a wait list.

Facebook

by Laural O'Brien

If you are a new or returning Guild Member, be sure to look up the Guild Facebook Group, Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild and request to join, if you haven't already.

This Group is a great way to stay connected with other Guild Members and up-to-date on Guild activities.

Also checkout the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show page, on Facebook, for ongoing updates on the Quilt Show.

Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon

If you have anyone who needs a Sympathy Card, Get Well Card, or Thinking of You card from the RGV Quilt guild, please contact me at sunshine@rgvqg.com giving me the name and a little information or type of card.

Amazon Smile Contributions to Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

AmazonSmile is a way customers can support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon, at no additional cost.

Customers who shop at smile.amazon.com will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the eligible purchase price to the charity of your choice.

How to sign up for AmazonSmile

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

Visit smile.amazon.com

1. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
2. Select your charity (Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild)
3. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity. **Tip:** Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (=)
3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
4. Select your charity (Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild) and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for your charity.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit smile.amazon.com/ontheho to learn more.

Military Service Quilts

. by Lucy Klaas

We presented 5 quilts at the quilt show. 2 were delivered and 1 will be presented at the guild meeting on Saturday. Evelyn Fincher has accepted a position on my committee for the following year. If anyone needs a quilt during the summer, please contact Kathy Dunning at Alamo Country Club.

RGV Quilt Show

Co-chairs Laural Powell and Debi Warner

2023 Show "Under the Sea"

February 10-11, 2023



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

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Chairs' Choice Category for 2023 - "Storms at Sea"

Any variation of a Storm at Sea. Any size as long as it does not exceed the maximum perimeter of 480".

Oggie can't wait to see how creative everyone gets with this category!

"The Storm at Sea quilt pattern makes for an exciting quilt—full of movement—all due to the juxtaposition of square and rectangular blocks. Your eyes try to tell you there's curved piecing, but there's not a curved seam in the quilt!"

Quilt Show Publicity Committee

For the 2023 Quilt Show we want to spread the word as far as we can, to get as many people to attend as possible. Therefore, we are forming a working committee for publicity. This committee will work on ideas of ways to promote the Quilt Show and implementing those ideas. (The creative work is done, so don't worry you will not be asked to do graphics or anything like that.) We will have our first Zoom meeting to develop ideas, on May 9th at 1:00pm. If you are interested in attending this meeting, email qspublicity@rgvqg.com.

Programs

By Jan Rondeau



In May Leslie Lorenzo will demonstrate how to make a flower pincushion. It is designed in a way that allows for keeping both pins and fabric clips in a convenient place. This will be done via Zoom. Please join us.



Gift Exchange

As we return to Zoom meetings, a lot of us are feeling isolated and will miss our quilting friends. The Christmas in July Gift Exchange is designed to keep us as connected with other Guild Members as we can be when at a distance. If you would like to participate there are just a few easy steps to follow.

1. Send an email to programs@rgvqg.com by June 27th. The email should include your name, mailing address, and a little bit about what you like about quilting (your favorite color, favorite technique, etc.). You can also include a little about what you have been doing or how you have been feeling these last few months.
2. On July 1st, I will send you an email from another Guild Member.
3. You will put together a small gift and send it to the Guild Member whose email you receive. You don't need to go out and buy anything. (This gift could be a piece of fabric from your stash in their favorite color, a pin cushion or Christmas ornament that you've made, etc.)
4. Also include a note about yourself, your quilting experience, and what you have been up to the last few months.
5. Get these packages in the mail by July 11th. (Your postman can bring you boxes or extra postage if needed, just let them know.)
6. When you receive your Christmas in July Gift post about it on the RGVQG Facebook Group page. You could also write the person who sent it a *Thank You* note. Who knows you might just make a new friend.

So, let's have some fun and brighten someone else's day while we do it. I can't wait to start getting those emails!

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

April's block was Four Tulips, 9" finished, from March 12th in the Block a Day



Calendar. Tulip colors in two shades per block with a green center square were the suggested

colors. 27 blocks were submitted and

Nancy Malmin was the lucky winner. Third time in a row!! Nancy made some April blocks in advance to use with the February blocks and created the quilt shown. It will be a wedding present for a brother. She made a nice table topper with the one large March block.



For members interested continuing for the Zoom meeting months, May-



in

October, we are going to do it with blocks submitted by mail. Same as usual, a block for the next month will be picked and posted on Facebook and presented at the Zoom meeting. The drawing for a winner will be done live on Zoom the following month. My address is in the

directory and be sure to include your address so if you're the lucky one I'll know where to send it.

May's block will be an 8" finished size string block with a center diagonal in white or ecru. They are easiest made on



a foundation, suggestions are phone book pages, kid's scribble pads, used dryer sheets,

lightweight muslin, etc. Start with a bigger than needed base so that they can be trimmed down to 8-1/2" after sewing on strips. Start in the middle and add to both sides of the diagonal working out to the corners. Use strips between 1-1/4" and 2" in width. Colors are up to you!

If you want to try the technique, but don't really want to win them, make them in red, white and blue and donate them to Military Service Quilts.

Bee News



By Diana Wolf

The Quilt Show has big plans to highlight Bees and their activities next February. Set up at the IMAGINATION STATION and show that "Creative Spark"! Your Bee will have an opportunity to do a demonstration on Friday and again on Saturday at a designated time. You can make and sell kits to make the demonstrated item. BEST, your Bee will keep all the proceeds from your sales.

It is your choice whether or not to have a demonstration, and whether to have it one day or both. It is also your choice to staff your Bee table all throughout the show, or just occasionally. However, better staffing might mean better sales and money for your Bee.

If you have questions, contact the Quilt Show co-chairs, Paula McCutcheon or me for more information. You can find the email addresses at rgvqq.com, then scroll down the menu to "Contacts".

If you haven't yet made a banner for your Bee, please consider making one. They will hang it above your booth at the Show. All the Bees will have a table in one room, and you want your Bee to stand out!

The Guild is up to a total of 14 Bees, and a couple of groups have shown interest in becoming a Bee. It just keeps getting better.

Spring Break and retreating has many of our bee keepers buzzing elsewhere. They plan to update us next month.

The Wanna Bees Buzz

By Anita Pine

The Wanna Bees continued to meet during the month of March after meetings in February freezing weather on days. Additionally, continued to meet in the Queen Bee, Anita, hive for the month of



cancelled due to cold, meeting the Bees March as left the March to

pursue personal activities. The Wanna Bees discussed the upcoming Quilt show for 2023 projects/challenges and are starting to discuss the activities

activities retreat(s), lessons Once the activities



for 2022 calendar such as their own and scheduling among ourselves. pollen settles, should be well

planned for the rest of the year. In the meantime, the Wanna Bees have been working on their own individual projects. Bee Dinora has been busy cross-stitching while her new home is being built. Dalia, the newest Wanna Bees member has been spreading her wings learning how to sew and has completed different projects. Mature Queen Bee Adela recently had surgery, but her from fly In the Bee Anita, Bee Anita, has had one of her clipped. She rotator cuff that isn't stopping around! absence of Queen Mature Bee Adele conducted the March meetings. We the Wanna Bees want to be creative, share ideas, have patience, do our best, start somewhere, make mistakes, teach others, and gather with friends by living life one stitch at a time! Have an Egg-cellent Easter!



Do You Want to Judge Quilts?-

Dear Rio Grande Valley Quilters,

I have attached information describing the **Two-Day Introduction to Quilt Judging Seminar** that I will be co-teaching with Pat Harrison October 10-11, 2022 in Missouri City, TX. Would you kindly share this information with members that might be interested in our seminar?

These seminars occur a few times per year in a variety of locations across the country, as demand requires. There are currently 51 NACQJ certified judges. Given that there are far more shows per year than the number of judges, we would like to interest more quilters in becoming judges! Seminars can be requested from any of the seven qualified instructors. We are always looking for additional venues. You might like to take a look at our website at

<https://www.nacqj.com/2-day-judging-seminars.html>

Thank you!

Beverly Fine

National Association of Certified Quilt Judges' Qualified Instructor

<https://www.nacqj.com/2-day-judging-seminars.html>

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Bonnie Hall reported that 45 quilts were given to Dianne Dietz, Tuesday April 5, for the Foster Care HS Graduate project. Some of these quilts will be in a photoshoot at the Capitol in Austin, Monday, April 11.

Including these 45 quilts there were 217 items, 1834 hours for a value of \$13,296.50 submitted since the last report.

Community Outreach



The ladies have been very busy. They learned how to sew a zipper pouch, how to clip curves while making a tortilla warmer, and are starting to learn how to make

four patch and eight half square triangles at once. Their excitement is contagious. Please see some pictures of their projects below:



Treasurer Report

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
Treasurer's March 2022 Report
Monthly Account Balances as of 3/31/2022

RGVQG Checking

Beginning Balance \$16,160.52

Income

2022 Quilt Show Proceeds	\$5000.00
2022 Schoolhouse Registration	\$20.00
2022 Membership Dues	\$540.00
Paypal Donations	\$8.11
AmazonSmile Donations	\$21.98
Rummage Sale Table Rentals	\$135.00
Library Table Proceeds	\$125.00
Military Service Quilt Table Proceeds	\$97.00
Academic Scholarship Table Proceeds	\$97.00
Carla Klopp binder payments	\$300.00
	\$6,344.09

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Expense

PayPal transaction fees	(\$20.51)
Square Transaction Fees	(\$2.20)
18 Carla Klopp Binders	(\$540.00)
US Post Office Box Rental	(\$212.00)
Trophy Gardens Rental	(\$350.00)
March Schoolhouse Instructor	(\$50.00)
	(\$1,174.71)

Ending Balance **\$21,329.90**

RGVQG Savings

Beginning Balance \$33,170.77

Interest Income \$0.85

Ending Balance **\$33,171.62**

RGVQG Quilt Show

Beginning Balance \$27,835.40

Income

Rummage Sale Table Proceeds \$69.74

Expenses

Rummage sale proceeds transferred to guild (0.80)

Show Proceeds Transferred to Guild (\$5,000.00)

(\$5,000.80) **(\$5,000.80)**

Ending Balance **\$ 22,904.34**

RGVQG Retreat **\$3,000.00**

RGVQG General Meeting

Minutes

RGVQG General Meeting
April 8, 2022

Guild General Meeting April 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Marsha Santow, President. A quorum was present. She introduced the Program Chair, Jan Rondeau who in turn introduced our program, Erum Prints. The company, located in Mission, specializes in custom printed designs on 54-inch-wide fabric in small or large runs. Her flyer stated her company web address is www.erumprints.com, and she can be reached at erum@erumprints.com or at 956-369-1009. The designs are often submitted by individuals for special purposes. Her process is eco and energy friendly. The website lets you upload your design and you can see if you want to tile, mirror or center your image. She brought samples of her two different types of fabric to see and touch, a cotton sateen and a canvas. She also had samples of various designs she had created and printed on her fabrics.

Someone in the Guild audience stated a copyright for fabric design created after January 1, 1978 is copyrighted for the lifetime of the creator plus 70 years. Fabric designs created prior to that date are not copyrighted. Additionally, a design of pink flowers with yellow centers is not copyrighted as anyone can make the design.

An article by Susan Neuberger Weller in the Trademark and Copyright Practice at Mintz, a legal services firm, dated November 5, 2014, stated a fabric design first created after January 1, 1978 will be protected by copyright for the life of the author +70 years.

Mike Hall presented the Treasurer's report and said it will be printed in the newsletter. It was accepted for audit.

The Secretary's minutes were accepted as printed without corrections or additions.

Marsha Santow announced our Secretary had resigned and we need this position filled. The prior secretary is serving on an interim basis.

Marty Morrison, membership chair, announced we have 251 members present, and four guests today. She would welcome someone to help with membership tasks for the rest of the year.

The Quilt Show co-chair, Laural Powell, announced the date and time for the publicity committee Zoom meeting. Paula McCutchan discussed the Quilt Show committee decision to open the lecture area to a Bee event at the Show. Bees will be provided a table, and their banner will be hung above it. The Bees will have a scheduled time to present a demo on Friday and again on Saturday if they wish to participate. They can sell kits to make the demonstrated item, and the Bee will keep all the proceeds of the sales. The Bees can choose to staff their booth the full time or part of the time the show when the Show is open. The Bees can also highlight the activities they do for various service projects, lectures or other events their Bee does. One Bee is considering a turtle themed small project which can be used to absorb small spills and was washable. Other possibilities include a mitt, lunch bags, a potholder and many more.

The Boutique accepts donations of items to sell. Some items have been old or very used. Some items donated were very nice, but the Boutique did not know how they were to be used, and so couldn't sell them. One item that sold very well was a "Busy Bag" that can be taken in the car to keep small children entertained. A hard surface with dry erase on one side and a chalk board on the other was cut into a 10-inch square and included. This also makes it possible for a child to use it in a wheelchair or bed. Once items are donated, they become property of the Guild. The committee will put a list of the best-selling items in the newsletter. The Bargain Boutique cleared over \$3,000.00 this most recent year.

The Guild is seeking a chair or co-chairs for the Quilt Show for the following year, 2024.

Lucy Klass stated she was so grateful for the help of her co-chair, Mellie Peach during the past several years. Millie has had to step down. Evelyn Fincher has agreed to be a co-chair with Lucy. The committee had handed out over fifty quilts during the past year. The Guild Garage Sale generated \$97.00 for their committee and they are very appreciative. A military sew day will be held January 20, 2023 at Trophy Gardens. They hope to equal or exceed the fifty participants present this year.

Chris Cowan, Community Service chair, announced there were 217 items donated, representing 1834 hours for a value of \$13, 296.50.

She also requested newsletter articles be submitted by this next Monday.

The block draw blocks were won by Nancy Malmin last month. She has assembled them into a lovely quilt top. She happened to win the quilt blocks again this month. The block draw will continue by mail over the summer. The next block is a string block with a white or light string center string, and an unfinished size of 8.5 inches.

The Scholarship Chair, Leslie Lorenzo, announced the Guild will be able to provide some scholarships this year.

Kathy Letulle announced there are Guild nametags available, priced at \$7 with a magnetized back, \$5 for a pin back. Contact her to order.

Retreat was a success this last year and we have openings for Friendship Star. However, Blue Bonnet is full and there is a waiting list. She encouraged members to sign up if they want to go because many things can happen in a year and often openings develop.

Jan Rondeau announced she is looking for program presenters for the summer to be held on Zoom.

You need only to present, Diana Wolf will handle the software and provide multiple cameras for your presentation. You need only to present.

We will be having a Christmas in July activity this year. Contact her by June 27th, and names will be drawn for a "present" exchange to be completed by July 15th.

Community Service Outreach continues in Lyford Texas. Josie McVey is kindly accompanying Diana Wolf. The committee is accepting scraps; contact Diana or Josie to arrange for pickup over the summer. The ladies are learning to sew and have started to learn quilt block assembly, which had them quite excited. Next step is learning how to assemble the blocks.

Bonnie Hall requested any suggestions or corrections to the Guild web page be sent to her. She announced the winning tickets for the fat quarter draw. She also announced the area coordinator for the Foster High School Graduate Quilt Project picked up 45 quilts to be given to individuals in foster care who are graduating from high school this year. The quilts are going to Austin, the capital, for a photo shoot on Monday and then on to a June presentation. Bonnie will put an article in the newsletter with more details. The program will continue next year. The quilt size is to be 63" W x 87" L (+-5%) (Width 60-66") (Length 84"-91"). The Guild members requested we participate next year.

Show and tell occurred. For the summer months, send your pictures to the Show and Tell contact listed on the webpage.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am by Marsha Santow, President.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Interim Secretary.



Newsletter Advertising

1/4 page \$25.00
1/2 page: \$50.00
Full page: \$100.00

Sponsor a 2022 HS Senior - Quilt Gift



I'd like to thank EVERYBODY that contributed to the Foster Care Quilts project. I turned over 45 quilts and matching pillowcase to our Region 11 coordinator, Dianne Dietz, on Monday April 4th. Dianne will be taking the quilts to Austin for a

photoshoot on Monday, April 11. I hope to receive copies of the photos that are taken. The quilts will be gifted to the foster care graduates sometime in June.

Thanks again.

Here is a list of people and groups who contributed: Judy Antonovich, Melissa Bradley, Janet Campbell, Sharon Crosswhite, Kris Driscoll, Vicki Guerra, Sharon Gulyban, Bonnie M Hall, Claire Leverington, Sherry MacGowan, Carrah Maney, Mission Bee, Pharr Bee It, Row Quilters, Becky Schoonover, Marriane Seals, Sew Bee It, Judy Slacum, Snow to Sun RV Resort, Trophy Gardens RV Resort, Debi Warner, Mark Warner, Jean Waufle. My apologies if I've missed any people or groups, please let me know, bonniemhall@rgvqg.com



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This N That
Korner**
Mercedes, Texas

100% Cotton Fabric
Cotton and Wool Batting
Notions
1001 Segovia
Llano Grande RV Resort
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 272-2377
quilterstntkorner@gmail.com
Kathè Letulle - Owner
Call for an appointment

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. April 2022 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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RGVQG does not discriminate nor endorse any advertisement placed in RGVQG News. RGVQG is not responsible for, nor takes responsibility for defective merchandise or false advertisements.

The following flyers were sent to let us know about upcoming quilt shows we might want to check out.



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Yea, for Quilt Shows.... Again!

***Eiffel In Love With Quilts, Paris, Texas
May 13 & 14, 2022***

Please help us spread the word!
We would appreciate it if you would make an announcement at your next guild meeting.

Wait there's more:

We still have room for a few Vendors, if any of your local shop owners are interested, visit the [website: parisquiltshow.com](http://parisquiltshow.com) for more information and registration forms.

Wait, there's still more:

Quilts are needed. Let your guild members know! Deadline for quilt submission is March 31st. Registration forms for submitting a quilt for display and possible award are listed on the website: [website: parisquiltshow.com](http://parisquiltshow.com)

Thank you for your help. If you have questions related to being a vendor, contact me, Connie Steadman, 903-715-7690.
For information regarding quilt submission contact Stacy Miller, 903-491-4781

11th Biennial Quilt Show

Quilted Fields of Dreams



of Fredericksburg

September 2 & 3, 2022

Friday 9 am - 6 pm
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm
(Admission \$10 per person
or \$15 for 2-day pass)

Location:

Fredericksburg United
Methodist Church
1800 N. Llano
(Hwy 16 N)
Fredericksburg, Texas

www.verinsquiltguild.org

