



RGVQGG News

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President's Threads That Bind

Summer is in full swing here in Michigan and I am enjoying every minute. I have even gotten a little sewing done.

I went to the quilt show in Shipshewana, Indiana. It was a small show but nice. They had a special exhibit of Gudrun Erla from GE Quilt Designs. It was great to see her quilts up close. Of course, I found a little fabric I could not leave behind.

Try to stay cool and keep stitching.

Enjoy your stitching.

Marsha Santow

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 check out the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show page, on Facebook, for ongoing updates on the Quilt Show.

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HELP! We've Lost Our Lease!

The Wilder Corporation has notified the Guild that they are not renewing the Guild's contract with Trophy Gardens allowing us to use their facilities for the monthly Guild meetings and schoolhouse sessions. The reason given to the Guild was that it is not Wilder Corporate Policy to enter into contracts with non-resident organizations. Therefore, the Guild needs to find a new "home" for the Saturday General meetings and for the Schoolhouse sessions.

As this latest information regarding the contract was not presented to the Guild until the July 9th General meeting, the Board members have not had an opportunity (as of this writing) to formally discuss this issue. Further updates will be distributed as they become available. For now, any and all suggestions to info@rgvqg.com would be appreciated.

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 RGVQG, please contact me at sunshine@rgvqq.com giving me the name and a little information or type of card. I'll get a card out, made by M. Lynn Johnson, to that person. Cards sent this month to these members: Bonnie Hall on the death of her mother. Mike Hall on the death of his Mother in Law. Jo Corey on the death of her husband. Beverly Harvey on her cancer decisions. Kathy Letulle, on her husband's ongoing heart condition, Thank you for letting me know about these friends of the Guild.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Debbie Williams

Again for the 2022 / 2023 winter season, we will be offering Schoolhouse classes. Instructors for these classes are Guild members. The fee is for Guild members is \$20 for each class. Currently they are planned for the first Friday of each month, November thru March. When firmed up, details will be posted on the website. But for now, here's what's planned so far....

November 4, 2022 - 18" x 18" Woven Panel that can be made into either a table topper or decorative pillow.

Instructor: Debbie Williams

No sewing machine needed. Fabric strips are woven together to create the pattern.

December 2, 2022 - Paper pieced table runner

Instructor: Nancy Schmitz

This runner consists of three sections....so add more if you need a longer table runner.

January 6, 2023 - Cork Fabric Wallet

Instructor: Paula McCutchen

More details will come next month.

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I am still looking for great ideas to offer in February 2023 and March 2023 Schoolhouse classes. If you have an idea....please email me at debrichwill@gmail.com. I'm hoping to offer a wide variety of classes this winter.

Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

Membership Information

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 a check made payable to **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** and send 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.

Be sure to print the email that is sent to you with your membership number, the password information to access the "Members Only" and Guild Directory information. The email will be your proof of membership.

For the 2022 membership we currently have 255.

Since the last newsletter we want to "Welcome" the following **New & Returning Members:**

Glenda Ramee

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

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

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

Want to have fun, sew, great food, plenty of area quilt shops to visit, and friendship - then come along with us to retreat!

Friendship Star - March 13-17, 2023 with 9 openings - no wait list Remaining retreat fee due December 10, 2022. Absolutely no refunds after February 21, 2023.

Bluebonnet Friends - March 19-23, 2023 - retreat full - waitlist. Remaining retreat fee due January 11, 2023. Absolutely no refunds after February 28, 2023.

Anyone can sign up immediately for a retreat with openings and immediately sign up to be on the waitlist for the other retreat or go directly to the waitlist of any retreat. In the past, everyone that was on any wait list has had a chance to attend that particular retreat.

The registration forms for retreats are on the Guild website (rgvqg.com) within Members Only under RETREAT..

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

So sign up and let the fun begin.

Blessings,
Kathe Letulle
956-272-2377
retreat@rgvqg.com

Nominating Committee

Elections are in November for 3 positions, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and Treasurer.

These Offices are for a two-year term.

Bonnie Hall and Marty Morrison (contact info in the directory) are looking for other Guild Members to assist with finding people to help with the process..

A publicity chairperson (not an elected position) is also needed, this can be anyone who wants to

volunteer. The duties of Publicity will be to promote Guild activities by providing the news media or other outlets with information concerning up-coming events.

Here are the descriptions of the Offices up for Election

1st Vice-President - Membership - The First Vice President is responsible for the membership list, is responsible for notifying members of annual dues, accepts monies and writes receipts for new and renewed memberships to be given to the Treasurer along with dues for these memberships and is responsible for notifying the Newsletter Editor and President of all memberships.

2nd Vice-President - Community Service - the Second Vice President shall collect, distribute, keep a record of all donated items, and promote the goals of the Guild by setting up community projects involving quilting; arrange for demonstrations, displays or lectures at schools, libraries, clubs, or museums; and work with community groups or individuals requesting services by the Guild

Treasurer - The Treasurer will have charge and custody of and be responsible for all the Guild's funds and securities; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the Guild from any source; deposit all monies in the Guild's name in banks, trust companies, or other depositories as these Bylaws provide or as the Board or President directs; write checks and disburse funds to discharge the Guild obligations (However, funds may not be drawn from the Guild or its accounts without the signature of any one of the following officers: the President, the First Vice President, or the Treasurer); maintain the Guild's financial books and records; prepare financial reports monthly; prepare a budget to be presented at the annual meeting of the members;

Please help us find people who want to help make the Guild a success.

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

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/onthe-go to learn more.

Give with Bing

Another way to support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD is through **Give with Bing**

Microsoft Rewards lets you support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD through its Give with Bing program. After signing up and selecting our organization, you can earn rewards points just for searching the web with Bing. Microsoft then turns those points into cash donations to us.

The program is free--you just need to sign up with a Microsoft account. As of May 2021, Microsoft Rewards has donated more than [\$6.5 million] to nonprofits around the world.

Join now [RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD \(Give with Bing\)](https://www.bing.com/give)

<http://www.bing.com/give>

Microsoft Edge uses Bing. You can also get the Bing app for iPad, iPhone and Android. Please call Bonnie, 740-398-1629, if you need help setting up Give with Bing.

Military Service Quilts

. by Lucy Klaas

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.

Hopefully, several July and August scrap blocks will be made and donated. From the Block a Day calendar, they are Goose Creek, June 11th and July 4th on July 4th.

RGV Quilt Show

Co-chairs Laural Powell and Debi Warner

2023 Show "Under the Sea"

February 10-11, 2023

QUILT SHOW - SILENT AUCTION

by Debbie Williams

We will be doing the Silent Auction again for the 2023 Quilt Show on the island. Last year we were very successful auctioning off handmade items and relevant services. Best sellers from last year:

- * 4 rounds of golf
- * hand made quilt - throw size
- * cherry swing arm quilt rack
- * Poppins bag
- * landscape painting

I need your help. Please reach out to those you know that have talents that are willing to share. I'd love to have a stain glass piece, original artwork, wooden items, especially items that would be of interest to quilters. If you have an idea you'd like to discuss, please reach out to me. My contact information is 479-899-3072 or debrichwill@gmail.com.

Programs

By Jan Rondeau

Kathe Letulle will share how to create a Mondo bag. This August program will show a different way to individualize a bag for yourself.



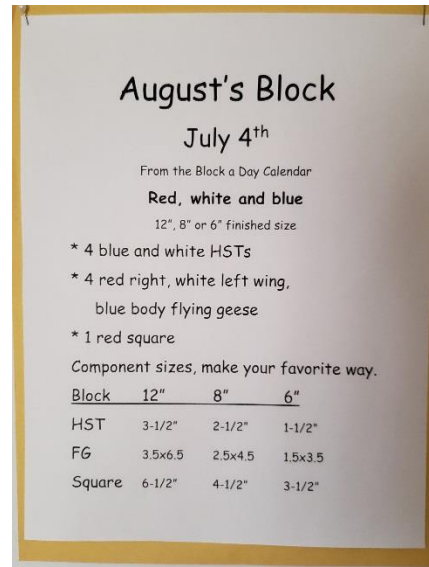
Christmas in July was participated in by 15 or so quilters. They are busy sending and

anticipating receiving fun gifts by July 15th.

Scrap Block Draw

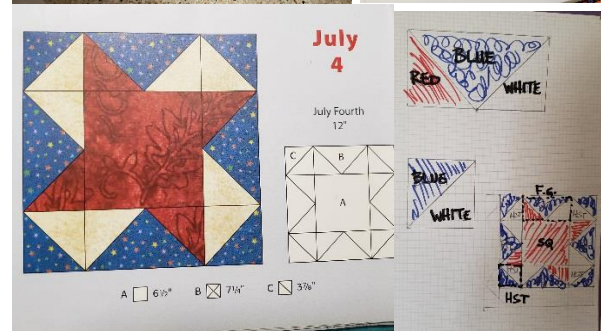
by Chris Cowan

Nine of July's block "Goose Creek" were submitted by Nancy Malmin and me. I won for once! I plan to either make a few more and make a quilt or just donate the blocks to Military Service Quilts.



August's block, July 4th from the Block a Day calendar is also going to be red, white and blue as shown in poster. They will be for Military Service Quilts, so hope you'll want to make some to donate!

Calendar size is 12' finished but I've included size options for 8' or 6". To get to 60x72 MSQ range, 20, 48 or 80 blocks would be needed, with a 6" border.





The Wanna Bees Buzz

By Anita Pineda

The Wanna Bees have been busy, busy bees buzzing around the Swarms (Retreats) and our monthly meetings! The Swarms have been provided for both the Guild members and the Wanna Bees. Both groups have been taking advantage of the time and space provide to them. The buzzing has been about time spent away from home to get some quilting done surrounded by friends and meeting new people. Other buzz words are about space, leaving home to get out or away from the house and having a place to go, meet with friends and eating out with friends away in new eateries! We, the Wanna Bees, are grateful to support all quilting Bees during the summer Swarms. But, most importantly, we are grateful for all Bees attending our Swarms for their support in our first Summer Swarm! As a BONUS during the Swarming Retreat, Anita brought in her "gifted" sewing machine. With the expert on sewing machines, Diane Wolf present, she quickly surmised that the Gritzner sewing machine was built around 1872.

Our June meetings have been productive with the clarification of some rules for the Wanna Bees and continued planning for The Imagination Station/Lecture Hall Project for the Quilt Show and lessons for both the meetings and Swarming sessions. Chair-Bee Angie reported on the required measurements and items needed for the Imagination Station. Some Bees requested a workshop on Free Motion Stippling/Sewing, while others requested lessons for a "MIDI Bag" workshop. Diana Wolf provided the Free Motion Stippling workshop June 25th to the Wanna Bees. On July 15th, Kathy will teach quick and easy pointers and details on making the MIDI Bag. The June 26th meeting was held at Dinora's new Hive (home) she and husband recent built. The Wanna Bees were so honored to tour her beautiful Hive! Dinora, BUT more impressive was her sewing comb

(room). Dinora presented her lesson on "Designer Boards". We were so impressed that Dinora started her lesson with a YouTube tutorial from her TV! Our Dinora Bee has gone HIGH TECH on us! Very Impressive. For Show & Tell, Cindy revealed her almost finished "Tie Wreath." Anita brought in a cross-stitch wedding plaque she made years ago, different rulers, especially the scallop ruler as requested by member bees, and a silicon baking mat that she uses to keep her ironing board free from melted fusible web. Further meeting beezness (business) with the finalization for the Wanna Bees flight to Fredericksburg and Kerrville, and surrounding areas.



Elaine planning. Elaine's finished. Diana piecing.
 Diana's finished. Jane piecing Jean quilting on
 Marty working quilt. quilt. a
 reindeer quilt. quilt. a
 complicated top. on patriotic
 quilt.



Dale quilting on Diana
 lectures on the Gritzner, German made sewing machine
 special features and details to Wanna her
 featherweight. Bees present at retreat. Gritzner
 sewing machine dates to the late 1800s.



Gabby, Rosie working, Lolies, Cindy, Angie, and Dinora work on the MIDI bag at the Swarming.



Dinora teaches "Designer Boards" lesson at the July 26th Wanna Bees meeting.

Row Quilters at Alamo Country Club
By Marty Morrison

We meet on Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm in the View Room at Alamo Country Club and welcome everyone.

The group is smaller during the Summer, but we still have a great time. Some of the ladies have been working on their projects. Others have been binding Military Service quilts and making tops also.

Several members attended the Wanna Bees sew days on July 1-2 and had a great time meeting other Guild members.

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

[Judging Seminars \(nacqj.com\)](http://nacqj.com)

Thank you!

Beverly Fine

National Association of Certified Quilt Judges'
Qualified Instructor

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Another slow reporting month, I'm sure more has been done by all the wonderfully generous guild members! Let me know so we can get credit given where credit is due!

Treasurer Report

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
Treasurer's June 2022 Report
Monthly Account Balances as of 6/30/2022

RGVQG Checking		
Beginning Balance		\$21,295.44
Income		
2022 Membership Dues	\$30.00	
Donation – Paypal Giving Fund (June)	\$3.00	
Donation – UK Online Giving Fund	<u>\$0.26</u>	
	\$33.26	\$33.26
Expense		
Fabric Purchases – MSQ program	(\$62.30)	
Paypal Transaction fees	<u>(\$1.09)</u>	
	(\$63.39)	(\$63.39)
Ending Balance		\$21,265.31
RGVQG Savings		
Beginning Balance		\$33,173.29
Interest Income		\$0.82
Ending Balance		\$33,174.11
RGVQG Quilt Show		
Beginning Balance		\$22,803.77
Income		
Vendor Registrations	\$275.00	\$275.00
Expenses		
SPICC Building Rental Deposit	(\$5,000.00)	
Paypal Transaction Fees	<u>(\$6.95)</u>	
	(\$5,006.95)	(\$5,006.95)
Ending Balance		\$ 18,112.92
RGVQG Retreat		\$3,000.00
RVGQG Paypal Account		\$28.91

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RGVQG General Meeting

July 9, 2022

Marsha Santow called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. A quorum was present with 69 attendees.

Treasurer's report was presented by Mike Hall.

There were no corrections or additions. Report was placed on file for audit.

Marsha Santow asked if there were any corrections or additions to the secretary's report.

There were none. Report was filed as printed.

Jan Rondeau introduced Jean Waufler for today's program. It was titled "Working with Wool". Jean explained many things to do wool applique and she explained the different applique stitches and threads she uses. Jean gave a trunk show of

different projects that have been done in wool. We were told there is even a Bee called "Wool Gatherers". It was a very informative program and we all really enjoyed it.

Committee reports were given.

Chris Cowen introduced the July block. It's on the calendar on July 4th. She would like them done in red, white, and blue and then donated to Military Service to be made into quilts. Chris won the drawing from last month's blocks. She donated them to Military Service as they were red, white, and blue also. All info for the next block draw will be on our Facebook and in our newsletter.

Chris Cowen states that articles for the newsletter need to be in by Monday, July 11.

Chris Cowan did not get any community service reports. Please be sure to turn in your time so our guild gets the credit.

There were no other committee reports.

Gayle Steinbech made the announcement that Trophy Gardens will not be renewing our contract for next season. We will need to find a new place for our meetings.

Gayle Steinbech did the drawing for door prizes. Christmas In July has been sent out. We had a total of 16 participants. Jan Rondeau said we had enough this year to go ahead and do it again next year.

Jan Rondeau is asking for volunteers to give a brief presentation during the summer for our summer programs.

Carrah Maney suggested trying to find a hotel to hold our meetings in one of their conference rooms. We need a capacity of 150 to 200. We need to consider that we will also need accommodations for our classes. If anyone has any ideas of a spot please let Marsha Santow now. Mike Hall did Show and Tell and we had quite a few. Thank you everyone. They were awesome. Carrah Maney made a motion to adjourn, second by Kathe Letulle.

Motion adjourned at 9:55 am.

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. 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

RGVQG Disclaimer

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.

