



# RGVQGG News

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 32, Weslaco, TX 78599 - [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)

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## President's Threads That Bind

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I hope all is going well for all of you and that the storms here in the Valley have not been too bad for you. So far all is good here in Harlingen. I am busy trying to get packed to head to Michigan for the summer. I leave next Tuesday. I keep making lists so I don't forget something important. I am bringing a machine so I can sew up there. But it takes more than just the machine, like books and rulers etc. I don't want to take too much, but still I want to have items that might be necessary. Last year I forgot cords to charge my phone and tablet. Fortunately I had a cord in my car. I am looking forward to our program Saturday to see what ideas Carol will give us for organization. I do ok, but suggestions are always helpful.

Keep sewing.

Marsha Santow

### **NEW MEETING LOCATION !!!**

The **2023** meetings will be held in the **Mayor Eugene A Braught Memorial Theatre**, which is adjacent to the **City of Weslaco Public Library**, located at 525 South Kansas Avenue. The Weslaco Library is one block east of Texas Blvd & three blocks south of Business 83.

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## Sunshine and Shadows

*by Jackie Landon*

If you know of those in the Guild who need a card of encouragement, get well card, sympathy card, please send the person's name and a general statement to sunshine and [shadows@rgvqg.com](mailto:shadows@rgvqg.com)

I'm sure there are many more people who NEED to hear from us and know that we are praying for them.

## In Memoriam

We were able to create a digital slide show for the 2023 Quilt Show that allowed us to honor the members who are no longer with us. Please notify Bonnie Hall when you are aware of someone who has passed. She keeps a file of names and obituaries, but she is not always aware of a death. It does not matter if the person has returned up-North or hasn't been a member recently, we want to remember them. Each of you are the key to make sure no one is left out .

## Schoolhouse Classes

by Debbie Williams

We had good attendance at all of this year's classes, the Woven Panel in November, Paper Pieced Table Runner in December, Cork Wallet in January, Wool Appliqué Needle Case and Project Bag in February. Thank you to everyone that participated; we had lots of fun and learned new skills.

The Guild is blessed to have a Schoolhouse Chairperson for next year, two in fact! Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin have agreed to co-chair this fun position. They welcome suggestions for the classes that will be offered next year. Please give them a call if you have a great idea or two!

### **Aloysius alligator**



Look for me on our webpage! Click on me and I'll take you to the Members Only page. Remember what I am. I'm also the keeper of the directories.

Please add a two-digit year to open a directory

## Membership Information

by Debbie Williams

At the time of publication, we have 231 members that have either renewed their membership or become a new member.

Welcome Concepcion Leija (Concho)

**The 2023 Membership year has begun** - this also means changes - with the new location for the meetings, we can only accept cash (\$30) in a sealed envelope with your name, address, phone, and e-mail address or you can still write a check. Of course, the effortless way is to renew on-line. You can be a member of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild from anywhere, as we are also 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:

**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. If renewing, to update the Guild Directory, please provide any personal information that has changed.

**Be sure to print the email that will be provided 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.**

At each monthly guild meeting , the sign-in sheets will list only the names of paid up members . So if your name is not on the sheets , then know you will need to renew your membership at the meeting.

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com). Please email Debbie Williams at [membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com) if you need assistance

## Nominating Committee

It's that time of the year again. The committee is looking for non-Board members to serve with the Nominating Committee. Please contact Diana Wolf, Kathe Letulle, Debbie Williams or Marty Morrison as we could use your help.

Elections are in November for 3 positions, **President, Secretary, and 3rd Vice-President (Programs)**. These Offices are for a two-year term. The Office descriptions can be found in the By-laws located in the Members Only section of the website.

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

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## Sponsor a Class of 2023 High School Senior - Quilt Gift



I've enlarged this photo Bonnie had with last month's article. She mentioned at a board meeting that it was a collage of all the quilts donated! How Cool!

## 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)

<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.

## Social Media Expansion

by Laural Powell



We have expanded our social media presence!

For some time the Guild has had a **closed Facebook group**, as **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild**. This means you must answer some questions and then be allowed into this group.

The Guild Board has voted to keep this group to members only. This is to provide a space for our

members to post and comment where they will know it will only be seen by Guild members.

The Guild Board also understands some may want to share what our guild is doing with their friends. Then others are introduced to our guild through our quilt show and/or community service efforts, and want to know more about our guild. So, we created a **Facebook page** at **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Texas**. This page can be viewed and followed by anyone interested in our guild. Additionally, we have reactivated the Guild's **Instagram account**, which anyone can follow at **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** or **@rgvqgtx**.

So, now anyone can follow the Guild on our Facebook page and Instagram account, while Guild members can have privacy by joining the Guild's closed Facebook group. If you need help accessing any of these, contact me at [joinfb@rgvqg.com](mailto:joinfb@rgvqg.com).

## Retreat News

*by Kathe Letulle*

**The 2023 retreats are history,  
BUT there is 2024 and the dates are:  
Friendship Star - March 11 to 15, 2024  
Bluebonnet Friends - March 17 to 21, 2024**

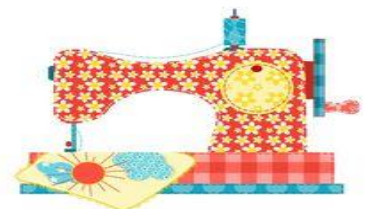
Both Retreats are full but members are still signing up on the Wait List! As of this date, anyone who has ever placed their name on a Wait List has had the opportunity to attend retreat and as it is well known, life happens.

### **GET ON THE WAIT LIST NOW!**

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

**Here is what you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask about retreats:**

1. The retreats are so much fun and the friendships formed are awesome. Everyone is willing to assist in any quilting, sewing, pattern questions, etc - everyone has a suggestion, just use the one that works best for you.
2. The retreats are held at John Newcomb Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas -
3. The fee is \$300 with a \$100 deposit - sleeping arrangements are 4 to a condo. The condo is divided into two bedrooms, each with its own bathroom. There is also a kitchen, living room, washer and dryer
4. The meals begin at dinner on day of arrival, next three days -3 meals and 2 snacks, and final day breakfast. The meals are to die for as well as the desserts.
5. The large conference room is where we sew and have area quilt shops present their wares for the attendees to purchase. There are also quite a few quilt shops in the area for shopping opportunities.
6. You must: (a) bring a power cord with a surge protector and a flashlight (b) Arrange your own transportation (c) Bring Emergency Information sheet, envelopes will be provided.
7. A packet containing maps and detailed information will be available at a later date, on the



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Guild's website. [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) (members only).

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

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

956-272-2377 or [retreat@rgvqg.com](mailto:retreat@rgvqg.com)

## Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Reports received since last meeting, including the foster care senior quilts total 42 items, 728 hours, \$5,278 value

## Military Service Quilts

Many quilts have been given out this spring. There is a need to replenish the finished quilt supply. Lucy Klaas is looking for volunteers to quilt and bind tops that are already bundled. Kathy Dunning will be the contact through the summer.

## RGV Quilt Show

**2024 Chairs: Laurie Magee & Jean Waufle**

**Sammi the Spoonbill** (Roseate Spoonbill) is the **2024 Quilt Show Mascot** for the Rio Grande



Valley Quilt Show. So keep an eye out for Sammi, as she will be making the rounds promoting the quilt show and the 2024 theme - "Take Flight". If you visit South Padre Island you might even

get to see some of Sammi's cousins!

### 2024 RGV Quilt Show

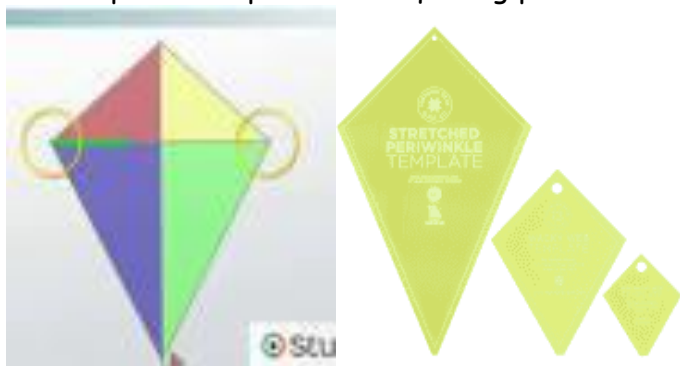
The Show Board had great plans for the May guild meeting. We were going to present the Opportunity Quilt to our members, start handing out Opportunity tickets to members and our bag lady was planning to show the completed bags for "Totes and More" as well provide an opportunity for members choose their preference to get a head start on preparing a tote for the show Remember the saying "The best laid plans of mice and men" or in this case quilters? Those of us in Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild News

the lower RGV awoke to the news of a tornado touch-down in Laguna Heights( 3 miles from my house), a closed highway and torrential rain on Guild meeting day. That rain continued all day. Luckily my co-chair had the Opportunity quilt and tickets in Harlingen and was able to take them to the meeting in Weslaco. Only a few intrepid souls attended that meeting, but we were able to introduce the 2024 Opportunity Quilt. Its title is "Flying to the Stars" and the designer is R&D Quilts of Ross, ND. I assure you we will upgrade the photo since the Zoom Screen highlighted part of it, but I think you can get an idea of what it looks like. The second and third items for the draw will be presented later in the summer. Edna Butler and Joan Anderson have stepped forward to become the chairs of the Opportunity Quilt Committee and Debbie Genette will be the Chair of the Silent Auction. We would be interested in doing the Imagination Stations again if a bee or individuals step forward to coordinate them. We will not do the Block Party this year but will save it for a future special event or guild anniversary.



## 2024 RGVQG Quilt Show Chairs Choice

The Chairs Choice will require the use of the kite shape, created either with a template or 4 triangles and/or a kite theme. This shape can be part of the background or neutral space or it can be very graphic as the example to the right. It can be appliqued, pieced or a combination of both. This shape can be part of the quilting pattern.



- No kits
- No size limitations.
- If you use a published pattern, the designer must be listed in your registration.
- The quilt must represent the theme "Take Flight" in some manner.
- Use your imagination!

## 2024 RGVQG Quilt Show Challenge "Take Flight"

Jean and Laurie challenge you to create something beautiful with at least one wool element, and addressing the theme, "Take Flight"

- The item is limited to a maximum perimeter of 72", and if the item is a circle, its diameter can be no bigger than 18".
- Must have a wool element, decorative stitching and embellishments but can include other materials.

- The entry can include mug rugs, jewelry, bell pulls, pillows, buttons, pin cushions, pictures, rugs etc. It can also be punch-needle, or any other item made of wool with decorative stitching and/or embellishment.
- A wool kit will be acceptable with the requirement that the maker add personal elements to the kit and indicate the designer and additions on their entry form.
- A list of shops both online and store fronts follows. The Woolies group is willing to be a resource as well.

A list of shops that carry wool, patterns, thread, and other resources.

1. THE WOOLEN NEEDLE  
225 W Welsh St  
Williamsburg, IA  
(319)668-2642
2. RUSTY CROW QUILT SHOP  
111 W Seachase Dr  
Nags Head NC 27959  
(760)752-7784  
[Shawn@rustycrow.com](mailto:Shawn@rustycrow.com)
3. PRIMITIVE QUILT CELLAR  
[email@primitivequiltcellar.com](mailto:email@primitivequiltcellar.com)
4. PRAIRIE POINT JUNCTION  
124 E 8th, Box 184  
Colada's, NE 69130  
(308)7842010  
[info@prairiepointjunction.com](mailto:info@prairiepointjunction.com)
5. PRAIRIE WOOLENS QUILT SHOP  
203 S Wood St  
Paulina IA  
(712)229-0341
6. PRIMITIVE GATHERINGS  
8567 S Loop Rd  
Larsen WI 54947  
(920)722-7233

7. LITTLE RED HEN  
612 Hope Ave  
Muscatine IA  
(563)262-5709

8. MERRY'S STITCHIN'  
1923 Baker Rd  
Jesus IA 50648  
(319)827-6703  
[Merrys@jtt.net](mailto:Merrys@jtt.net)

9. RIVER'S EDGE QUILT LOFT & ANTIQUES  
10103 St Rd 27  
Hayward WI  
(715)634-0706  
[rivated@cheqnet](mailto:rivated@cheqnet)  
or [gailgrassel@shopriversedge.com](mailto:gailgrassel@shopriversedge.com)

10. BUTTERMILK BASIN  
8301 Sunset Rd NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55434  
[swest@buttermilkbasin.com](mailto:swest@buttermilkbasin.com)

11. CARRIED AWAY DESIGNS  
4948 Common Market Pl  
De Lin OH 43016

12. MOUNTAIN CREEK QUILT SHOP  
3531 US Hwy 411S  
Maryville TN 37801  
(865)856-0805  
[mtcreekquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:mtcreekquilters@yahoo.com)

13. RED PINE QUILT SHOP  
915 Washington Ave  
Detroit Lakes MN 56501  
(218)844-5260

14. MIDWAY WOOL CO.  
Online only  
(435)654-2844

15. THE QUILTED COW  
18593 Business 13  
Branson West MO.65737  
(417)272-0000

16. YELLOW CREEK QUILT DESIGNS  
160 S Main St  
Pearl City IL 61062  
(815)443-2211 or (815)238-5597

17. PLAID SHEEP COMPANY  
Online only  
(330)893-3163

### Free Woolie

Edna Butler donated a tub of wool to the guild for anyone to use for the Challenge Quilt. This was wool that belonged to Deb Warner. I believe she



would be pleased to have it used for this purpose. There was a table at the guild meeting enabling members to choose a few pieces for their

quilts. I will continue bringing the tub to the guild meetings for anyone needing small pieces. Donations are appreciated.

### Treasurer Report

A "link" to monthly Treasurer's Reports and other treasury documents can now be found on the "members only" page of the Guild's website: [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) and the reports will no longer be published in the newsletter.



## Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

Due to lack of participation the last 2 months I am going to suspend the program for a while. I'll be glad to restart it in the fall if interest is expressed.

April's block was a fun 2-fer made from a set of charm squares, Windmill and a Star variation. Six sets were made and I won by default.

May's block, a split Ohio Star variation, had no submissions.



If inclined this summer do some of the spring blocks in Red and Blue for Military Service Quilts.

Call me if interested and need more info.

956-330-6908

## Programs

By Jan Rondeau

Our April program was to be Suzi Parron via zoom, with her experiences with barn quilts. She has done a lot of research and we were looking forward to her presentation. Due to technical difficulties, we'll try again in July.

May will be a lesson by Carol Wilhoit in controlling your stash. This is something I think we can all use as our stash grows. This will be via zoom.

In June we will be joined by Rhonda Pierce from Schmetz Needles. Again this will be via zoom.

I'm requesting assistance from all of our members in filling the programs for our summer meetings. If you use a method that might be of interest to others, have a skill that others might want, etc. please contact me. Also please let me know if there is a topic you would like to have presented. I'm currently working with a number of your recommendations, but I'm open to all suggestions.

I'm also looking for help, especially with special events like the garage sale and Friendship Day. There's a lot of details for one person alone to co-ordinate.



# RGVQG General Meeting

## Minutes

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### RGVQG General Meeting May 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by our president, Marsha Santow.

Jan Rondeau introduced our speaker, Carol Wilhoit. She gave us a presentation on her quilting journey and how she learned to organize her stash. It was an awesome presentation, and we learned a great deal.

The treasure's report will be placed on file for audit.

The secretary's report will be filed as printed.

Quilt Show - Jean Waufle showed us the opportunity quilt for the 2024 Quilt Show. Laurie Mcgee was unable to attend. There had been a tornado touch down near her on Friday night and the roads were closed as a result.

Door Prizes - Elaine Hall and Jean Waufle handed out this month's door prizes.

Membership - Marty Morrison, in Debbie Williams' absence reported that we currently have 231 paid members. There were 25 members present today and 11 joined us on Zoom.

Schoolhouse - Dale Shafer is asking for ideas for Schoolhouse. If anyone has a project they would be willing to teach, please let her know.

Military Service - Kathy Dunning gave a brief report. She had brought some bundles to be quilted to the meeting for someone to take home and quilt.

Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah and Melissa were absent, so Bonnie Hall took over and did the drawing.

Community Service - Chris Cowan - \$5,280 thanks in part to the 23 foster care quilts donated to graduating seniors from our group.

BOM - Chris Cowan - Nothing turned in at the May meeting. The block for June will be from Riley Blake.

There will be a sewing class at Alamo Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> to learn how to make the braided twist table runner.

Show and Tell - Mike showed us some that Kris Driscoll and Bonnie Hall had sent him. He also showed a picture of the car our logo is on. Carrah Maney had donated our walkie talkies to a group of kids that very much appreciated them.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Lila Helm

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[The Weslaco Museum](#) is showcasing a small but quaint exhibit of lovely quilts during the month of May.

Some of our quilts are from the Weslaco/RGV area, while others have been gifted to the museum by winter Texans.

We'd love for you to visit this exhibit and share your thoughts about the wonderful art of quilt-making!

Kindly,  
**Crystal Rodriguez**  
**Executive Director**

# 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. 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.

## Huge Garage Sale!

Fabrics galore + many decorative accessories

313 Karen Dr., Alamo Country Club  
Friday, June 2 - Saturday, June 3  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Questions? Dale Shafer 956-330-5261



**TNT**  
**Quilters 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



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Patterns, notions, batting, etc. Featherweights, & Accessories

Winter-Alamo, TX  
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**By appointment**



HOURS: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-4PM  
SATURDAYS 9AM-2PM

Annie's  
Quilting Corner

1617 N 11th St. McAllen, TX 78542  
PHONE: 456.929.3863

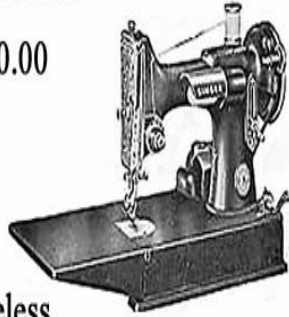
## FEATHERWEIGHT SPA DAY

Cleaned and Lubricated, \$40.00

Dropped off at my house  
or at a Guild meeting

Call for details.

Well running machine, priceless.



Diana Wolf 913 449 1668



Raffle  
Quilt is  
84"x  
84".

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### It's A Quilt Show!!! Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild 9/22 & 9/23

The Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild proudly invites all lovers of art, creativity, and history, to its upcoming Quilt Show, "Weathering the Storms Together". Two hundred judged quilts will be available for your viewing pleasure along with opportunities to purchase raffle tickets for a dynamic queen size storm at sea quilt. The quilt show will also have numerous vendors who offer new and exciting textile products, a boutique with handmade finished items that make great gifts, and silent auction of finished quality quilts. The show is a family fun event, with a hunt and seek activity for youth and opportunities to learn about the history of quilting. Food trucks will be available on site and parking is free. Dates Friday September 22, 2023, 10am to 5pm Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am to 4pm Entry tickets \$12, 8 and under free.



Alzafar Shrine Auditorium  
901 N Loop 1604 W  
San Antonio, Tx 78232



Contact Sandra Doyle, Show Chair at  
[gsaqqquiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:gsaqqquiltshow@gmail.com)



**Sizzlin Summer Retreat and Shop Hop**

When: August 23 for 3 nights, check out on Aug 26

Where: Texas Quilt Barn Retreat Center in La Grange, TX

Cost \$150

Texas Quilt Barn fabric store next door and Quilt Museum in town

Facility: sleeps 3 to a room on twin beds, full kitchen, showers and sewing center

Bring your own pillow and blanket. Includes bath towels, sheets

Shop Hop: [sizzlinsummershophop.com](http://sizzlinsummershophop.com)

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Fill out form below and mail check to

Jani Shoemaker

1004 Segovia Mercedes, TX 78570

720-635-3890

Name

Email Address

Phone

Preferred roommates names