

Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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Presidents Piece



I'm a little sad this month. Lots of my friends have left to go back to their "other" home and now I'm left with holes in my Texas family. Our lives are so enriched by having so many different ideas available to choose from. We share so many different ethnicities, foods, favorite sayings, and certainly styles of quilts. I hope all of you keep in touch with us this summer. Use our Facebook page and show us what you're working on this summer. Show us your favorite quilt shop or your sewing room. Read about what we're doing while you are gone – we do lots of fun things in the summer. Use our Web page to find out about classes you might want to take when you come back. Some of our classes are filling up quickly and we don't want you to miss the one you want to take. You can sign up by calling Jan McCoy. It's important that we all communicate.

I'm excited about the upcoming guild programs. The November class, by Susan Nichols on machine quilting on a domestic machine, filled up so quickly that we added a second day. That one only has a couple of openings, so let Jan know as soon as possible if you want in that class. If there's enough interest, we would be willing to add a third day, but we need to let Susan Nichols know so she can make appropriate travel arrangements. For those of you who are here in the summer, Jan has scheduled some great summer programs. Next month Christy Pohler is presenting "Wool 101". I've never tried will embroidery, so I'll be learning a new skill. A description of the class and a supply list is on our Web page under the "Programs" tab.

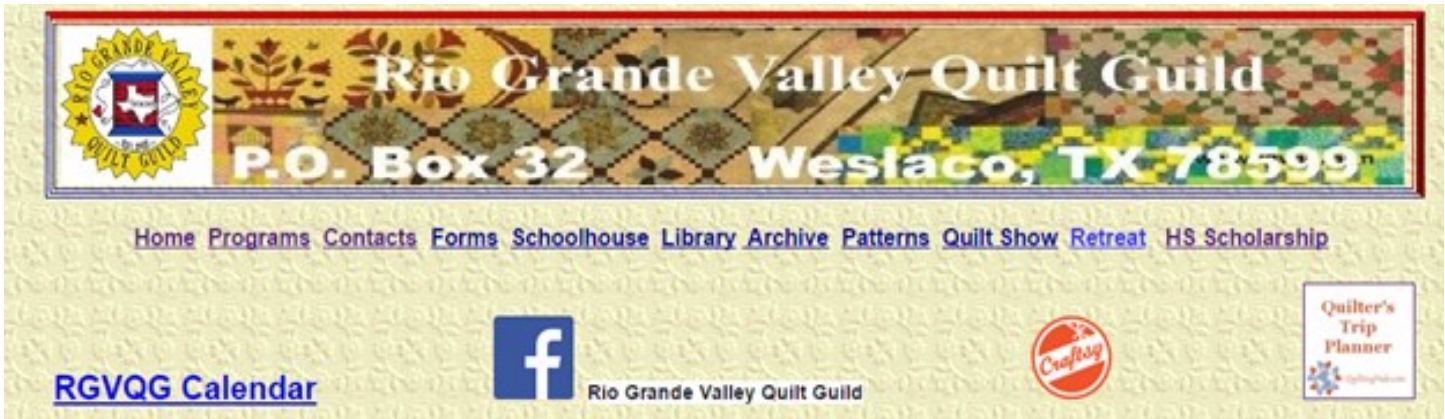
If you weren't at the last meeting, you didn't get a new directory. Don't despair! The directory is on the web, and the web version is always up to date with new members and updated phone numbers. We had a fun meeting, had the largest April meeting ever with 98 members attending, and learned how to make a cute envelope purse from Subie Redd (with lots of help from Rick). Then a lot of us went to Christy Pohler's house for an open house with a chance to do some shopping. Most of us found something we couldn't live without, so it was a great day.

We had a winner in the drawing for reading the newsletter. YEAH!! So I'm doing the same thing again. This month, you will need to go to our Web page and send me an email (send to president1@rgvqg.com) and tell me what Nova Montgomery is teaching and if you would like to take her class. I think lots of you will want to take her class. The prize will be awarded at next month's guild meeting, but you don't need to be present to win.

For those of you who are gone....we miss you...have a wonderful summer. For those of you who are still here...come join us at the next meeting...and have a wonderful summer!

Carla Mewhinney, President

Up-Dated Front Page



Some exciting new stuff on the home page.

RGVQG Calendar – has information for board meetings, guild meetings, schoolhouse classes, program classes, quilt show related dates.

Facebook – click on the Facebook icon to go to the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild facebook page.

Craftsy – Our guild is now an affiliate of Craftsy. Our guild will receive a percentage of the cost of any Craftsy classes you buy if you click on the Craftsy icon on the rgvqg.com home page. You must use this page and icon for our guild to receive any funds. Going the Craftsy website by any other means will not give our guild credit for the purchase.

Quilter's Trip Planner – Click this icon to go the quiltinghub.com trip planner. This is a nifty little tool to find all the quilt shops in an area or along your route. The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild info is also available on quiltinghub.com

Any questions, please call me.

Bonnie M Hall (webmaster1@rgvqg.com) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

RGV Quilt Guild Meetings

Beginning with the month of May the RGV Quilt Guild meetings will be held at the “Llano Grande Event Center” located on Mile 2 W. Road South in Mercedes. This is approx. one mile south of Business 83 on the right had side of road.

All board meetings are at “Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School” located at 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX
No Quilt Show Committee meetings for summer months

RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, April 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Carla Mewhinney at 9:04 am.

The Secretary Minutes from the March meeting were adopted as posted in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Karon Jacobson reported that there was \$42,146.15 in the checking account as of the end of March.

Membership Chair Bonnie Hall, reports that there are 6 new members as of today. She encouraged everyone to utilize the web site RGVQG.com and rgvqg/alligator (newsletter and directory info). Contact Bonnie Hall 740-398-1629, for the password to open the directory.

Carla Mewhinney announced that beginning with the month of May, the Guild meetings would be held at Llano Grande Event Center on Mile 2 W. Road in Mercedes. This is approx. one mile south of Business 83 on the right hand side of road.

Carla stated that she got 35 e-mails in response to her question in the newsletter. A name was drawn and the winner received \$25 certificate to attend a class of her choice. Remember, Carla has questions/comments in the newsletter and if you respond, you may be a winner.

Carla also brought to the attention of the members that she had received an e-mails with questions, suggestions and comments regarding our meetings. All Board meetings are open to members to attend. We just ask that if you wish to address the Board that you put that request in writing to any member of the board ahead of time. All Board Minutes will be posted on the web site effective with this months meeting. There was also a question regarding a paper copy of the newsletter. This was changed to e-mail several years ago due to cost of printing and mailing and because of the extra work required. She noted that only 13 members listed in the Directory did not have e-mail and that perhaps they had a friend who would share their copy of the newsletter.

Karen Webber makes shirts / badges with the guild logo on it for sale. There is a catalog available today for the members to look at. She will be at a meeting this coming winter to take orders.

School Scholarships: Evelyn Fincher, who is in charge, asked for a volunteer to go to the schools and present these scholarships to the students. Karon Jacobson volunteered to do this.

Community Service Report is posted on the web site as per Mary Jo Havertape. Forms are available today to make quilts for the ALS program. This will be on your own.

Programs and Schoolhouse: classes are posted on the web site. Jan McCoy and Karen Dill have done a great job in getting Instructors for the coming months. Please check out the sites and sign up for classes.

Sunshine & Shadows: Sandi Baggot's husband has recently passed away. Mike Hall had a pacemaker implanted, Cindy Ellis's husband is in hospital and Nila Layman had a bad fall and is having difficulty getting around and a lot of pain.

Hostess report is that there ate 98 members present and 5 guests.

Newsletter: Articles are due on the 15th.... Jackie would sure like to hear what the various Bees are doing..

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RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, April, 2016

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Quilt Show: Karon Jacobson reported on the following; We continue to need a volunteer for a Show Chair for 2018. Christy Pohler will be the Treasurer for the Quilt Show. There will be no appraiser at the show and the Quilted Bazaar will be discontinued. Everyone will have an opportunity to sell their quilts in the show with the guild receiving 10% of the sale price. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free but must be accompanied by an adult. Those 13-18 will pay \$5 daily and volunteers will pay \$5 daily. Lucy Klaas is no longer able to head the Volunteer Group and a new Volunteer Chair is needed for this position and also for the Hanging and Take Down of the Quilts. Registration forms for the show will be on the web site shortly. Last date to Register Quilts by mail is December 26th, 2016 and in person on January 7th, 2017. Jan Baethke is in possession of the Opportunity Quilt and you may make arrangements with her to show and sell tickets for the quilts (ie. At your park/Store). Tickets are available today and for each book sold your name will be put in a drawing for a prize to be given away after the show at guild.

Florea Flores and Deb Blackbourn have implemented a youth program that is open to all high school children and younger to learn how to quilt. They need sponsors to help supply thread, fabric and batting to the students as well as other quilting notions. To eliminate the danger from having students use rotary cutters we request that the fabric be in 2 ½" strips, 5" and 10" squares. More information will be available soon.

Military Service: Mary Jo Havertape advises that there will be no sew days this summer. July's BOM is always a Red, White and Blue block and these are donated to the Military Service group to make tops. She has bundles of scraps of this fabric available today to make the blocks. (12 ½" please). The plan is to have more quilts for the show in 2017.

Retreat: Karen Heaney reports that the Retreats for 2017 are full but that she is taking names on standby and usually almost everyone gets to go. Dates are 3-13 thru 3/17 and 3/19 thru 3/23.

Library: Vicki Guerra asks that everyone bring back books they have signed out before returning up north. If you have a book you want, sent her an e-mail and she will bring to next meeting for you.

Block of the Month: The BOM was won last month by Jo Corey. She finished her quilted item and rec'd a \$25 gift certificate. Today there are 23 blocks and these were won by Judy White. Next month's block is January 18th and is called Louisiana. Colors are to be light blue background with any colors of choice.

Meeting adjourned for our program from Subie Redd, Show and Tell etc.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

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Calendar

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RETREAT 2016

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I can not say it enough. Retreat was a huge success because of each one of you. From the smiles on everyone's face to the happy chatter heard around the sewing room, I know you all had a fantastic time. We laughed, we shared and we all ate way too much.

A heartfelt thank you for all the wonderful gifts and fat quarters that I received. You guys are the greatest. I will work many of these fat quarters into the projects that I am working on. Already looking forward to Retreat 2017.

Thank you,
Karyn Heaney

Board Meeting:

May 11, 2016 9:am
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School (see p. 2 for info)

Guild Meeting:

May 14, 2016 9:am
Llano Grande Event Center (see p. 2 for info)

Program: Christy Pohler
WOOL 101!

See p's. 10 & 11 for more info

Board Meeting:

June 8, 2016 9:am
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School

Guild Meeting:

June 11, 2016 9:am
Llano Grande Event Center

Program: Laura Nunn



TEACHING A CHILD TO QUILT

The Youth Education project will be taught this summer. About 10 -15 children will be attending. We are in need of 5" & 10" squares, 2 1/2" strips, backing fabric and batting. It would be helpful for some of the youth to have RGVQG members donate fabric in those measurements. Once they accomplishing their quilt blocks we can slowly introduce them on how to cut fabric. This children will have an opportunity to display their projects at the quilt show. If you have any fabric you would like donate, cutting mats, rulers and rotary cutters please text or email me. Thanks of all your support 956-648-4833.

-- Florea Flores

Bee of the Month



Each month one of our Bees will be featured in the newsletter. This month we are featuring Seam Rippers in Mercedes. They meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. The picture below was taken on March 22, 2016, while some of the members were away at the retreat. Normal attendance is 14 to 20. The main project for the Seam Rippers is to support the Rio Grande State Center in Harlingen. Members are furnished with details of the wants and needs for both male and female adult residents and members do their best to support the resident's needs. Judy Brown Lower Beekeeper

Bee News



Our numbers have fallen now that the winter people are leaving us. We have had several members at Retreat and they had such a good time.

Our projects have been a Duffel Bag type purse. The last meeting was a "Hanky Panky" Project, (This is a small wall hanging done in sort of a collage.) Old Handkerchiefs, various styles of Lace and other findings are used to create a very smart table mat or wall hanging.

Michaela, **Mission Bee**

We currently have only 3 guild members going to this bee. But we would love to have more. **The Farm Girl Vintage Quilting Bee** meets the 3rd Saturday of the month from 1:30 - 5:300 at the John Knox Village Private Dinning Hall.



Bee News



The **Sew and Sew Quilt Bee** has wrapped it up for another year. Many of our members have headed north to their summer homes. We ended the year with the Tumbling Block quilt lead by Elaine Muzichuk. An example is shown below. Also the group worked on bargello quilts. The free pattern was found on line (search for Serenity Bargello) . One example is shown. The quilters have taken their tops home to add borders and "quilt as desired". The plans for next summer are ready and the quilters are excited about the up-coming activities. I look forward to seeing all of my quilting friends in the fall.



Programs

Check website often for up-dates about programs. December program will be scheduled soon.

I will be presenting on wool embroidery and applique. I call it "Wool 101" teaching about all the different types of wool and what's best for different projects.

If they would like to participate in the demo (A Wool rosette broach) they need to bring \$1.00 and a needle and white thread and scissors as well to cut thread. If they don't want to participate they can stay and watch and I'll give them the details on how to make their own.

For those who are allergic to wool I will have some fleece rosettes for them. (Also need \$1 and needle and thread.)

Please let me know if you need any more info. Thank you! Christy Pohler

See p.11 for more info

RGVQGG MEMBERSHIP

We now have 291 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. New members have never belonged to our guild before. Returning members were members in the past, but not the prior year. Renewing members were members in the prior year. The following are the memberships received since the newsletter.

Welcome New Members – Janette Perkins, Connie Nelson, Karol Lippert, Misty Katz, Jane M Meehan, Pam Storms, Kathryn Webber's Graphics .

Welcome back returning members – None for April.

Welcome back renewing members – Sue Van Wagner.

I will not be publishing address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is now available online on the alligator page. You will need a password to open the directory. Please contact me if you want the password for the online directory.

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May Guild presentation

WOOL 101!

Everything you want to know about felted wool. What types of wool there are, which is best for your project and how to make the most out of every piece. Wool pricing and how to up cycle wool clothing for your next big wool project. I will have samples of wool to feel and teach you to gauge what wool will work for the different types of embroidery and applique. Also, I will show you tips and tricks as well as handy to use tools to make the most out of your wool experience.

After the presentation there will be a demo on the wool Rosette Brooch. If you would like to make a rosette brooch, please bring a needle and neutral thread, size doesn't matter as long as you can thread the needle yourself. And the wool Rosette Brooch kits will be for sale for \$2. Each kit excludes the die cut 100% merino wool rosette, leaf backing and pin back to make it into a brooch/pin.

(Please see pictures below, colors will vary.)

I will have wool of different types for sale as well as some kits and material and tools for Hand embroidery, wool embroidery and wool applique. See you there!

BINNIE AND JACQUE

I have included pictures of some of my projects and demos as well as the rosette kit picture showing what is in the kit.

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

Kindest Regards,
Christy Pohler

Wool Rosette Brooch Kit





Hi! Its that time of year again.....

To all Members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, please see the emergency box on the web site (www.rgvqg.com) for information on future meetings and classes. The map is in color, and may take some time to download.

Thank you

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