

# Patches @ Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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January 2017

## Presidents Piece

This is an early thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help with our quilt show. You are the people who make our guild so wonderful. Without your dedication, and sometimes your sacrifice, we couldn't have a quilt show.

I think this will be an excellent show. I helped register quilts and can tell you that we have fabulous quilters in our guild. The number of quilts has increased this year and we have a full house of vendors. We have a mixture of old and new vendors this year, partially because we had to move our date forward by a month. Karon Jacobson has done a great job of "herding all us chickens" in the same direction, so everything comes together smoothly for a fun weekend. Karon told me this week that she had to expand the number of rooms in our block twice. That means we have about 50 rooms reserved -SPI may never be the same. I hope all of you enjoy your visit to the show and come away with lots of ideas for next year.

The quilt show isn't just a place to showcase beautiful quilts, it is what funds our guild for the entire year. The fees paid by our vendors cover the cost of renting the facility and all the drapes, tables, and chairs; but the opportunity quilt pays for renting facilities for guild meetings, for bringing in nationally recognized teachers and programs, supplies to support our Military Service Quilt activities, and all our administrative expenses. We have been lucky in the past and sold several thousand dollars worth of Opportunity Quilt tickets, but this year our sales are way down. If you are a member of this guild, we need you to either buy or sell four books of tickets. If we can't make enough money on Opportunity Quilt ticket sales, we could have to raise the dues in the future. Please do your Part!

Thank you Carla Mewhinney



## Calendar

Board Meeting:  
February 8, 2017  
9:am Quilt Show Committees  
1 pm Board meeting  
all meetings are at "Renee's"

Guild Meeting:  
February 11, 2017 9:am  
South Texas High School  
in Mercedes, TX  
Program: Reeze L Hanson  
Electric Quilt training  
All classes are at "Renee's"

Board Meeting:  
March 8, 2017  
time to be announced  
all meetings are at Renee's

Guild Meeting:  
March 11, 2017  
South Texas High School  
in Mercedes, TX  
Program: Judy Steward  
free motion quilting

All classes are at "Renee's"



# RGVQG General Meeting - January 2017

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney at 9:04 am in Weslaco, Texas.

**Secretary's minutes** from the December meeting were adopted as published on the web as there were no additions or corrections made.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karon Jacobson reported that there was \$5,130.89 in the checking account.

## **Announcements:**

Carla announced a new location for the next two guild meetings. It will be held at a High School in Mercedes, 700 Medhigh Dr., Mercedes. More info will be on web site.

Karon Jacobson displayed the Quilting Banner that she made from the blocks made by members of the guild depicting Island themes. This will hang at this years show.

Maggie Putney is looking for donations of fleece for use in Community Service Quilts.

Subie Redd needs membership for the new bee in Mission, if it is not supported she will have to discontinue the Bee.

Florea Flores reports that there are 9 quilts registered for the show from the Youth members who participated in the summer classes. Another class will be held on February 6th, 1 – 4 pm and she can use volunteers to assist.

**Membership:** Please pick up your membership cards. You must renew or join by the break at the February meeting in order to qualify for the scholarship drawing.

(\$600 to attend a National Show, take a class and then return to guild and present what you learned).

**Community Service:** Rick asks that if you have made something for Community Service, please donate to your favorite charity, get the paperwork signed as being

rec'd and return the paperwork to him or Subie Forms are available on the web site.

**Installation of Officers:** Carla Mewhinney installed the following Officers;

Treasurer, Karon Jacobson; 1st VP Bonnie Hall and 2nd VP Rick Redd. She also announced that Terry Davis would take Judy Brown's place as lower valley Bee Keeper.

**Community Service:** During the month of December there were 366 items donated for a total of 4,673 hours and a value of \$33,879.25.

**Hostess Reports** that there are 167 present today with 11 guests or renewals.

**Programs:** Judy Brown reported the survey responses regarding classes the members would like to see in the future. She rec'd 59 responses. The top two requests were for traditional quilting and machine quilting. She drew names for prizes for answering the survey and the winners were Laura Nunn, Judi Swanda and Lynne Benson.

Judy needs volunteers to assist with picking up speakers and taking them out to dinner etc. Please see or contact Judy. She would also like the long arm quilters to volunteer to do a panel discussion during the April meeting. She also discussed that she is exploring the capability of using Credit Cards or Pay Pal to pay for classes and on-line enrollment in classes to take away some of the load during the guild meetings.

**Schoolhouse:** Karen reports that she has 2 openings for the class next week and 3 openings for the Tote Bag class in February. March class on folded blocks needs more enrollment or will have to be cancelled.

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# RGVQG General Meeting - January 2017

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**Sunshine & Shadows:** Two longtime members of our Guild have passed on, Pat Brothers and Nila Layman. Maggie Putney and Judy Heineken are recovering from surgery and Sharon Crosswhite had a fire in her quilting studio.

**Military Service:** There is a need to have 16 quilts bound and they have 25 quilts that are bundled and ready for quilting. There are 56 quilts completed and ready to be given out. Two sew days are planned, one at Trophy Gardens on February 15th from 9 am to 3 pm. Wheel Chair quilts will be made on this day as there is a need for them. The next day will be March 7th at Greengate Grove.

**Library:** Just a reminder to members that if they have books out to return before heading back north.

**Publicity:** Florea Flores would like to retire and let someone else do publicity, so please volunteer. Talk with Florea or Carla.

**Block of the Month:** Karon Knowlton showed off the quilt she made with last months blocks. Lois Mundel won the blocks today. Next month's block will be a 6 ½" block from the Calendar called Little House. (The date is February 27th). Please use blue for the sky and color of your choice for the house.

## Quilt Show:

There are 330+ entries in the show, with 12 youth entries. 29 vendors will be present. Do not forget to put your sleeves on everything with the exception of the wearables. Entries for the Fashion Show are in great need... If you are a volunteer you will buy your tickets at the Volunteer Desk at the show. Jackie Heyes has Opportunity Tickets available.

Delivery of items entered in the show is Wednesday the 25th at the church on Bridge Avenue (see web site for address).

For those hanging quilts, please be there at 7 am on Thursday the 26th.

**Silent Auction Miniatures:** What a wonderful turnout of miniature quilts! The following are the winners: 1st Place, Lynne Benson, 2nd Place, Carol Hover and 3rd place Sue Arnold. Honorable Mention goes to Sandy Guerney, Carol Hover and Donna Williams.

Business Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

## White Ticket Raffle



WOW ! I can't believe how well everyone contributed to the white ticket raffle baskets. These baskets (there are two) are chock full of all kinds of things many of you gave me to put in the baskets. You outdid yourselves.

I thank all of you for your contributions.

Each basket has over \$600 worth of goodies. The drawing for the baskets will be at the February Guild meeting. Guild members receive one white ticket for each book of opportunity quilt tickets they have sold.



## 2017 QUILT SHOW

January 27-28 2017

Get your Opportunity Quilt Tickets.  
Each book sold earns you a chance to  
win the gift basket, a \$75 value.

Two Weeks! It's hard to believe that the Show is almost here. The final details are in place and I'm anticipating a really fun Show.

The miniatures that were at yesterday's Guild meeting were amazing.

Congratulations to the winners and honorable mentions!

**Volunteers are still needed! If you haven't already signed up to volunteer and would like to, contact Karen Hazlett. She can tell you where you are needed. Her email is in the directory. Please volunteer to assist at the show. Not only are you helping make the show a success, your admission to the show is only \$5.**

The Opportunity Quilt sales are beginning to pick up. For each book you sell you will receive a white ticket from Jackie Heyes. The drawing for the gift basket, a \$75 value, will be held at the February guild meeting. The more books you sell, the more opportunities you have to win the basket.

Thank you to everyone who has made something for the Boutique. Mi and her assistants will spend the next two weeks pricing and sorting all these items.

Receiving of the quilts will be on Wednesday, January 25th at the Church of Christ, 1220 Bridge Ave., Weslaco from 10 am – Noon. Alice Gibson and her volunteers will ensure that each quilt has a sleeve, label, number on both the quilt and pillow case, and a large safety pin. They will then be taken to the South Padre Island Convention Center and secured in the building.

After the show, you may pick up your quilts on Monday, January 30th at the Church of Christ from 10 am to Noon.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the show.

Karon Jacobson, Show chair

# Silent Auction Miniatures

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# 2017 Program Updates

In February Reeze Hanson will be our guest with 3 days of Electric Quilt training followed by a trunk show and lecture at our meeting on Saturday. There are two openings for her Electric Quilt class on February 8-10 at a cost of \$100. Please contact [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com) if you are interested.

Judy Steward will be here in March and will be teaching free motion quilting on your home machine (on March 8 and 10) and painting fabric (on March 9.) The samples Judy sent look wonderful:



Painting Fabric

In the circle quilt the “background” fabric is some of her painted fabric. This is more of an overall painting to create a piece of fabric you may want for background or to cut up and use as a portion of a quilt

The smaller sample shows that you can paint a scene and quilt it as if it was a picture



## Machine Quilting

The machine quilting sample shows the stages we will go through starting with the basic shapes.

The top left pink fabric of the sample with her name in it, is an example of the basic shapes used in all designs. The second step is to follow lines. The shapes we use are the hearts, spools and leaf design. The third step is finding filler designs like swirls, circles, loops and countless other ones that students find success in creating. We will also touch on trapunto.

Judy starts the class talking about threads, needles, batting, marking, and tricks to help. This information comes from over 25 years of machine quilting on her domestic sewing machine for herself and other.

There are a few openings for the Wednesday, March 8 class.

We are looking for free motion quilters in our group for the April or May meeting to serve on a panel. If you can help, please contact [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com). Also, if you received a scholarship last year, please contact the same email to schedule your demo or report. Thank you.

Please watch our website and Facebook for news of online registration becoming available in the next few weeks.

There are openings in this class for Thursday, March 9.

# membership

I only need a membership form if you are a new member, a returning member or a renewing member whose information (address phone email) has changed. The membership form is available on the forms page of our website, [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com). Please fill out the form online, then print and bring with you.

Renewing members without changes do NOT need to fill out the membership form.

We now have 345 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. This includes the both the 2017 members and the remaining 2016 members that have not yet renewed their membership. You MUST renew your membership by END OF BREAK at the FEBRUARY meeting if you want to be eligible for one of the three quilt show scholarships. The 2017 guild member id numbers will be entered in a random number generator. Three member ids will be drawn for the scholarships. Member ids for eight alternates will also be drawn.

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 last newsletter.

Welcome New Members – Louise Chosy, Edna Day, Brenda Dunn, Jan Durham, Arcie Felix, Mary Finnegan, Julie Hoholik, Marian Johnson, Rozann Kiewel, Laurie Magee, Pat Nichols, Sharon Reynolds, Shirley Rhoades, Suzette Rossilli, Marie Seabrook, Paula Young.

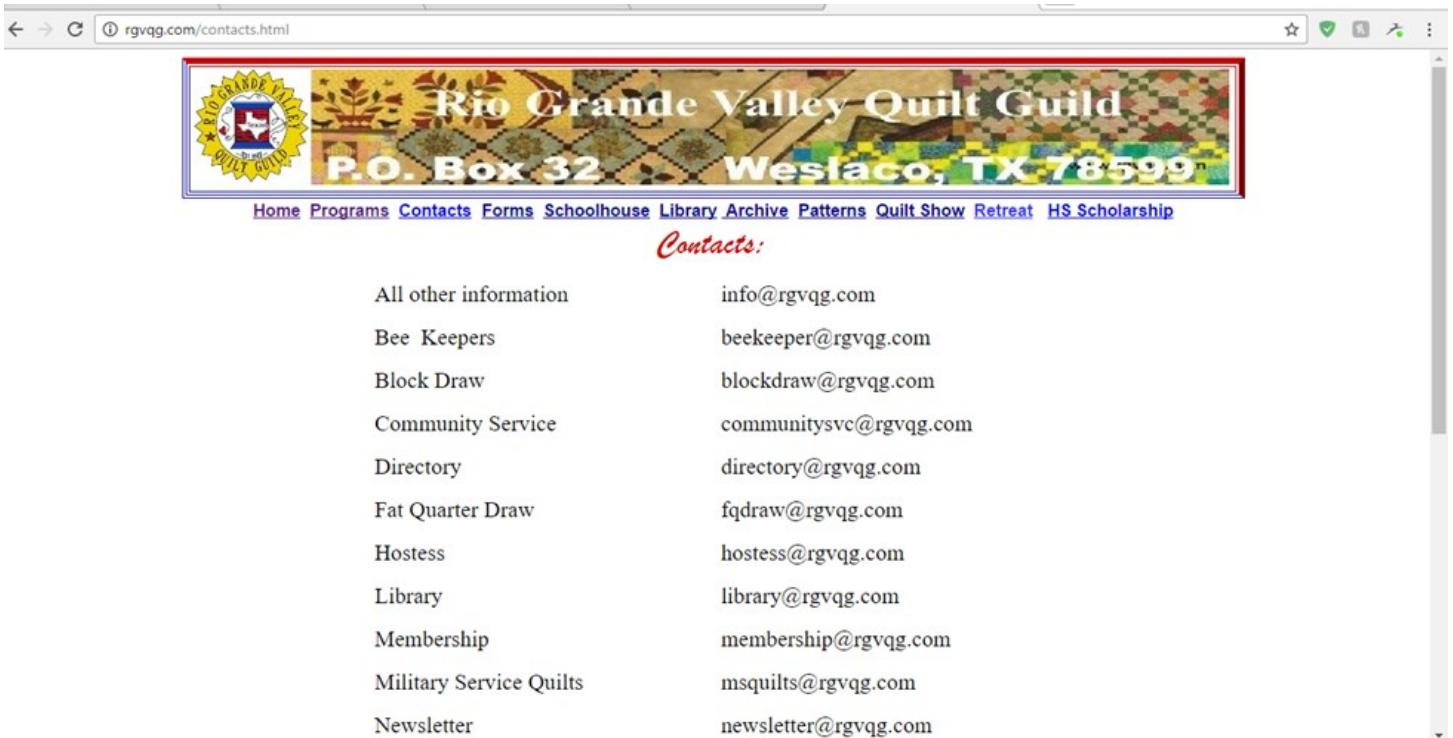
Welcome back returning members – Anita Pineda, Gloria Garcia, Judy Kathryn White.

Welcome back renewing members – Angie Arguello, Sue Bauscher, Judie Berger, Sandi Carstensen, Dinora Cavazos, Elaine Cooke, Bonnie Cramer, Suzy Evers, Nancy Flaherty, Nora Gil, Sharon Gulyban, Patty Hoerr, Judi Jaranowski, Nancy Kinyon, Barbara Kissler, Lucy Klaas, Sandi Krause, Lee Kurth, Karen Ledvina, Angie McGuire, Jane M Meehan, Patsy Melten, Mi Belia Mena, Carol Monter, Sylvia Moreno, Jane Olson, Dianne Parry, Mellie Peach, Liz Pinsonneault, Brenna Raemer, Nancy Risinger, Adela H Saldaña, Karen Steffen, Diane Tewell, Janey Thompson, Connie Wark, Donna Wendel.

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.

Bonnie M Hall ([membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com)) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

# RGVQG.COM Tidbits



## Contacts page –

Contains generic rgvqg.com email addresses for the different positions in our guild. If you want to send an email to the president, but you don't remember her name, you can just send an email to [president@rgvqg.com](mailto:president@rgvqg.com).

The [beekeeper@rgvqg.com](mailto:beekeeper@rgvqg.com) email address goes to both the lower and upper valley bee keepers. Make sure you tell them which bee you are sending the email about.

I get the emails that go to [info@rgvqg.com](mailto:info@rgvqg.com). I also get any emails where someone mistypes the first part of the email, e.g. if someone types [librar@rgvqg.com](mailto:librar@rgvqg.com), I get the email and I'll forward it to the [library@rgvqg.com](mailto:library@rgvqg.com).

This is just a small bit of what's available on our website, [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com). Watch for more info in next month's newsletter.

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## Lower Valley Bee Keeper News

On Friday, January 6, 2017, Judy Brown, Lower Valley Bee Keeper, visited the Honey Bees Quilters at Fun-N-Sun RV Resort in San Benito. She was accompanied by Terry Davis (who has currently agreed to take



This was a great day to visit as they unveiled their 2016 Challenge quilts. Quilters all brought one yard of fabric and in groups of six, tore their fabric in half and passed it to the person next to them. This piece was again halved and passed to the next person until all had different sized pieces of the six fabrics. Using at least five of the six fabrics and adding up to three others, they were required to make a quilt with the perimeter no larger than 100 inches. The results were amazing. Their next project is jackets, for which Terry was able to show her quilted jacket and offer some hints.

This active group has their own well-equipped sewing room, which is well used. There are even storage lockers for sewing machines provided on a lottery basis. Regular classes are held and many activities planned. What a great and fun group. Thanks to Jane Ross and the rest of the quilters for the invitation.

## Bee News



**The Wanna Bees** meet at "Casa Maria's" in Mercedes every second and fourth Sunday at 2:00 pm. Thank you, Anita Pineda, for allowing us to conduct our meeting at your home. At the present time, they have been working on the donations for the Guild to be sold at their Quilt Show in January, 2017. They will be having their Christmas Tea Party on December 11, 2016. They will not meet again until January 8, 2017. The contact person for the Bee is Adela H. Saldana, cell 956-975-9349. Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas!

# MILITARY SERVICE QUILTS

Military Service Quilts have had a busy season, thus far. The storage unit was recently inventoried and we have several quilts that need to be bound and/or quilted. If you can assist with this, please call Deb Blackburn, 608-485-0815, or Laura Nunn, 956-451-6288.

We will be making presentations at the quilt show on Saturday, January, 27, and Saturday, January 28. There will be a Military room at the quilt show where attendees can sew a block that will be made into a quilt.

There are two Sew Days coming up. Trophy Gardens will host a Sew Day Wednesday, February 15, 9am- 3pm; this day will be dedicated to sewing wheelchair lap robes. The second Sew Day will be on Tuesday, March 7, 9am-3pm.

# YOUTH EDUCATION

We have quilts entered in the quilt show by several of the youth that have participated in our Youth Education program. For Christmas, we had over 30 youth sew themselves new Christmas stockings. The next Youth Sew Day is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 1-4pm at Texas AgriLife, 410 N. 13th Ave., Edinburg. We are in need of people to volunteer to help the students. If you can volunteer that afternoon, please contact Florea Flores, 956-648-4833, or Deb Blackburn, 607-485-0815.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT DECEMBER 2016

**TOTAL ITEMS.....366**

**TOTAL HOURS.....4673**

**TOTAL VALUE.....\$33,879.25**

### **DONATED TO:**

**Holy Family Birthing Center  
Knapp Hospice Center/Hospital  
Mission Hospital Nursery  
Sacred Heart Family Services  
Renaissance Neonatal Unit  
Rainbow Room  
Veterans RGV  
Villages – Christmas Family  
Patricia Culp  
McAllen Pregnancy Center  
Valley Baptist Hospital  
La Terra UMC  
Dawn Sanders  
Harlingen Community Services**

### **DONATED BY:**

**Weslaco Heritage Bee  
Hidden Valley Ranch  
Joan Taylor  
Karen Ech  
Jeanne Huff  
Marilyn McIndoo  
Calico Clippers  
Palm Valley Animal Center  
  
Llano Grande Bee  
  
Sew & Sew**

# March Quilt Guild lectures/workshop

Thank you for the update! I am so excited! I just had 5 ladies at my house today that I have taught many classes to and we shared so many funny memories. What was cute was how they all liked that I was patient and encouraging. It was a real feel good day. My goal is to help all levels of quilters enjoy the process and understand it as much as possible.

The lecture "Quilt Like You Desire: How do I know what will look good?" is a very informative lecture with quilts that show good examples. I explain why some work better than others. The quilts tell the story and make it easy for the members to really see what I am talking about.

See you in March!

Judy Brown

## RGVQG Interest Survey

This month we posted an interest survey online and 59 members completed it. Thank you so much! Some of the feedback is already being used for schoolhouse classes and programs.

From this information we appear to mainly be intermediate skilled quilters with 77.6% choosing that level, beginners at 8.6% and advanced at 15.5%

From the most popular to least popular, the following were your combined choices:

- 1 Tied - Traditional quilting and Machine quilting
- 3 Finishing - borders, binding
- 4 Modern quilting
- 5 Choosing fabrics
- 6 Precision cutting
- 7 Paper piecing
- 8 Working with pre-cuts
- 9 Tied - Appliqué and Industry trends
- 11 Tied - Art quilting and Machine embroidery
- 13 Design and pattern making
- 14 Thread painting
- 15 Long arm quilting
- 16 Hand embroidery
- 17 Portrait quilts
- 18 Hand quilting

Overall there does not seem to be a preference on a day for schoolhouse classes, but Thursday did come out the highest.

Even though this survey is completed, please continue to give us your feedback for both programs and schoolhouse classes.

Thank you, Judy Brown

# Quilt Shop News

The carpet is FINALLY going in at GOB Quilts new home, and we now have a set opening date!  
GOB Quilts will open at 102 S. 3rd St. in Harlingen, TX, on Tuesday, January 17, 2017!!

GOB Quilts will now be open the following days and hours:

Monday ..... Closed

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday ..... 11am to 7pm

Friday – Saturday – Sunday ..... 11am to 5pm

We want to thank everyone for your patients during this transition, we can wait to see you in the new store!!!

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## Bee News



**The Killer Bees** Bee is going strong for the winter season. We have had a class to make a large tote, a demo by Jackie Heyes on Bobbin Work, we had 84 items registered for the RGVQG Quilt Show, and we had a demo day where we were shown 7 different quilt related techniques. Now we're planning our bi-annual quilt show that will be on Friday, February 24th from 10AM to 3PM. Come and take a look at what our talented members have done, and have a cup of coffee and something sweet, and enjoy some great, quality conversation by our pool, and then stay a little longer and purchase a light lunch that will be offered for a small fee. Hope to see you on February 24th in Sunshine Country Club Estates at Retzlaff Hall, 1953 Michigan Dr., Harlingen

**The Mission Bees** are off to a good start for the new Year, we have made our schedule of activities through August. We are also starting a "Block Of The Month" Project. We are meeting at UVAL as we did last year, now we are individual members of UVAL in addition. Plans are underway to attend the Quilt Show at South Padre Island.

Michaela

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Michaela Shyne-Kalsow

**The Green Bees** of Green Gate have lots going on in the near future. We have been busy making donation quilts for the colonia, preparing for our quilt show and scheduling a wonderful bus trip. Our quilt show is on Tuesday, February 7th, from 10 to 3. No admission. There will be over 130 quilts on display, wearable arts and other beautiful textile projects. On February 15th we have an overnight bus trip to San Antonio for shopping at great shops. This is open to everyone. We would love to have you join us. For more information, contact Millie Leonard @ 231-557-5318. For information on our quilt show, contact Annette Sweet 248-921-6867

# Financial Report

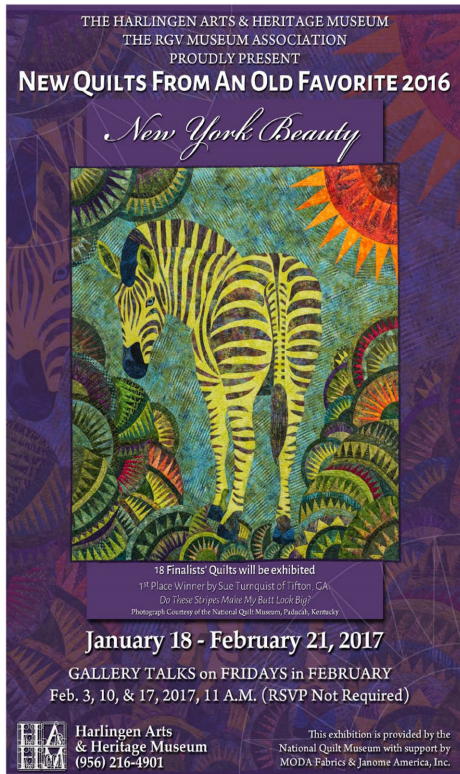
Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
DECEMBER 2016	
Balance Forward	\$ 2,654.63
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Income December 2016</b>
Administration	
Community Service	
Fat Quarter Raffle	178
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	4150
Military Service Quilts	50
Newsletter (advertising)	55
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs (fees)	1415
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House (fees)	280
Retreat - Bluebonnet	
Retreat cancellations (refunds)	
Retreat - Friendship Star	
Retreat 2018	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,128.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration, Gift Certificate	
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	606.77
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	37.17
Membership	
Military Service quilts	
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	2532.8
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	200
Retreat - Bluebonnet	
Retreat - Friendship Star	
Retreat 2018	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
Quilt show (rack cards)	275
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,651.74</b>
<b>Account Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$ 5,130.89</b>



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



For more information about the things mentioned in the newsletter that you may have a question about, look on our web page, [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) or [rgvqg.com/alligator](http://rgvqg.com/alligator)



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