

Patches & Snatches

Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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President's Piece

There's a lot going on in the Guild right now. We're getting ready for all you Winter Texans to come back and join in on the fun. Don't forget we have our elections in November, so, if you want to be considered for a position on our board, please let the Nominating committee know. We would love to have You! We'll be introducing the nominees at our next Guild meeting.

I would like to welcome our new newsletter editor, Diana Wolf. We will certainly miss Jackie Heyes, but she deserves a rest. Diana has some ideas about changes we may want to make in the future, so please let her know if you have any ideas about what you would like to see in the newsletter in the future. She is also interested in updating our webpage to make it even easier to use. If you would like to be involved in that, please let her know. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.

I'm so excited!! Judy Brown called me today to tell me that we now have a contract with Victoria Findley Wolfe for our quilt show in January. Unfortunately, Karen K. Stone had to cancel for our show, but she will be coming to the Guild in November 2018. See the programs section for more information on what Karen K. Stone will be teaching in November. Back to Victoria Findley Wolfe. If you are unfamiliar with her, you can find lots of pictures and other information on the web and on Pinterest. She is absolutely my favorite quilter and I can't believe we were lucky enough to get her to come here. She is a modern quilter with a strong traditional background.. Her quilts are frequently modern interpretations of traditional patterns. She is well known for her series of Double Wedding Ring quilts, some very modern and some more traditional. She will be teaching 2 half day classes and giving a keynote program at the quilt show. I can hardly wait! Did I mention I was EXCITED?

Don't forget to bring your money to the guild meeting in October. It's our annual "garage" sale. I think we have about 30 tables spoken for, so there should be lots of treasures there. Remember, we can sell any sewing or craft items we want to get rid of. I'm cleaning out some of my scrapbooking supplies to make room for more fabric. You might also bring a couple of your handmade tote bags in case you find a few things you can't live without.



Calendar

Board Meeting:

October 11, 2017 at Renee's Place (where Schoolhouse classes are located)

Guild Meeting:

October 14, 2017, 9 am

Program: Garage Sale,

Hynes Event Center at Llano Grande in Mercedes, TX

Board Meetings

Both the **Quilt Show** Board and the **Guild Board** meetings will be held Nov 8, 2017 at Pharr South, 1402 Cage Blvd, Card Room B, Pharr, TX 78577



HELP WANTED

We need:

- ♦ Quilt Show Chairperson for 2019. This person does **not need to be full time in the Valley**. The Show Chairperson is responsible for coordinating the activities of the various committees that help put on the Guild's Quilt Show, deciding on a theme for the Show, and making executive decisions regarding the Show. This is actually one of the most fun jobs the Guild has and isn't really very time-consuming or hard. If you are interested and/or would like more information, please contact Carla Mewhinney.
- ♦ Committee chair and members to investigate potential changes to our Web pages. If you would like to participate, please contact Diana Wolf.

RGVQG Membership

We will start accepting membership dues for 2018 at the October meeting. You may now pay for your membership online using a credit card or PayPal. Please go to rgvqg.com/membership.

Mary Britton and friend will be accepting 2018 membership dues at the October meeting, but please try to pay your dues online. Mary will have a limited number of forms available for new members or members needing changes to their directory info.

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

Tidbits to note

Secretary's Report—no business meeting, therefore no minutes.

Garage Sale – October 14, 2017

Evelyn Fincher is overseeing the Garage Sale. Please connect with Evelyn if you want to reserve a table to sell Sewing Items. Tables are free. Please, no clothing. It was noted not to use garbage bags to bring your items, as they have been mistaken for trash!

School House Classes: Response has been good for school house classes. Renee Darkis 's – Class Binding and Borders (February 18) will include prairie points as well as piping.

Newsletter: Articles are due by the 15th of the month to Diana Wolf.

Quilt Show: Remember to purchase Opportunity Tickets, the tickets help fund the yearly quilt show.

Library: Vicki Guerra has new books in the library. All books are listed on the website. Machine Quilting books have been added to the library.

Publicity: Laura Nunn is the new Publicity Chairman.

Block Drawing: Next drawing in November.

A question was raised as to how to start a BEE. A Bee needs to have 5 members. Lila Helms has a disc that explains the process. If there is a bee meeting during the summer that is considered "open", please post in the RGVQG Newsletter and also on the facebook page.

A Block Away is starting a Modern Quilt Guild. The meetings will be held at their store on the 3rd Saturday of the month.



Secure parking during Houston Quilt show

If you are taking the Go with Jo bus to the quilt show in Houston you might be interested to know that here at Bibleville we have free secure parking available for you. Jo's buses come right into our park and drop us off here. Jo will let me know what time the bus will arrive HERE (not at a hotel).

Bibleville is located 2 miles north of I-2 on [1346 Cesar Chavez Rd.](#) We are a conference center and park on the right side of the road going north. Enter at the North drive just before Eldora.

Please call if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity or have any questions.

Please call Pennie Morton [248-207-8620](tel:248-207-8620) so that when I get the pick up time I can call you with the info. I will also be letting you in the gate.

Bee News

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Mission Bee—We are finishing our "Block of the Month" patterns "thimble berries" and most are very well done. We've been making various types of bags and a special 5 compartment 4 zipper bag for tools, etc. We are accepting new members at this time. All also must be a member of UVAL. We meet at the Library on 12th street (UVAL building) at Kika de la Garza drive.

Michaela Kalsow

The Sandpeeps Bee of Edinburg has taken Carla's row challenge to heart. We have started our blocks and are having a great time. We went shopping as a group to find the background fabric and decided on the size of each block. Each quilter is responsible for her own block, and then we'll decide how to join them together.

This is a closed bee that meets twice each week. Karon Jacobson

Garage Sale is here!

Contact Evelyn Fisher for your free table. You keep all proceeds. Reserve your table. This sale of sewing items has been successful to curate your stash and sewing accessories so you can acquire important quilting items. Please only sewing related items.

It is not wise to use garbage bags of any color for your items as they have been mistaken as trash, and handled accordingly by the location staff.

QUILT SHOW SMALL QUILT CHALLENGE

There is a chill in the air here in Indiana and a reminder we will be headed back to the Valley very soon. By now I hope you have a special person in mind that helped you become a quilter. What better tribute to them to participate in the **CHALLENGE** and have your small wall hanging (no bigger than 24 X24) and write up about that person in the Quilt Show! Complete directions are on the web site. In December's guild meeting, we will have voting on the challenge projects with cash awards. So be sure to pack up your project and write about your special person on an 8 ½ X 11 paper. We will put your write up in a plastic sleeve and attach it to your wall hanging.



Looking forward to the Quilt Show and reading about all those special people in our lives. See you in November!
Paula McCutchan

RGVQG Program Updates 2017-18

Judy Brown, Program Chair

This summer has been a very busy one filling out the programs for 2017-18 and contracting with teachers for 2018-19. Stay tuned for the exciting teachers/lecturers coming to RGVQG.

Unfortunately, Karen K. Stone needed to cancel her classes and lecture with us at the Quilt Show in January, but she has agreed to come and teach in November **2018**. Because the Houston Quilt Show is a week later **next year**, our meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

However, for the upcoming Quilt Show, we were so fortunate to contract with Victoria Findlay Wolfe, award winning quilter, author, fabric designer, International teacher and lecturer. (See <http://www.vfwquilts.com>.)

Victoria will offer two classes at the Quilt Show. On Friday afternoon, she will host a Double Wedding Ring Pillow class and on Saturday morning will host a Herringbone Pillow class. Then on Saturday afternoon at 1:30, you will want to be certain to attend "Creativity & Play: The What and Why's of PLAY!" which includes an exciting PowerPoint presentation on 15 Minutes of Play with loads of quilts! Victoria gives an inspiring talk about her process, and how to push your creativity. She shares enough to get you all creatively inspired, then we send you home on the creative buzz! Play, process, Double wedding rings, and all new work are included.

Registration for her classes will be available next week. (We are awaiting supply lists and a kit fee.)

Remember there are a few spots for all classes this season, but they are filling very quickly. Please see our website for details.

I look forward to getting back to the Valley and seeing you all at the October meeting/sale.



Treasurer's Report:

| Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account | |
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| AUGUST 2017 | |
| Balance Forward | \$ 2,300.88 |
| INCOME | |
| | Income August 2017 |
| Administration | |
| Community Service | |
| Fabric Drawing | 51 |
| Guests & Fines | |
| Library | |
| Membership | |
| Military Service Quilts | |
| Newsletter (advertising) | |
| Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost) | |
| Programs (fees) | 20 |
| Quilt Show | |
| Quilter's School House (fees) | 60 |
| | |
| Total Income | \$ 131.00 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Administration, Gift Certificate | |
| Bank Service Charge - checks, fees | |
| Bee Keeper | 143.29 |
| Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web | 613.08 |
| Fat Quarter Raffle | |
| Friendship Day | |
| Guests & Fines | |
| Library | 196.52 |
| Membership | |
| Military Service quilts | |
| Newsletter | |
| Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance | |
| Programs, (includes Bldg use rent) | |
| Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent) | |
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| Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair) | 600 |
| Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members) | |
| Scholarships - (College) | |
| Sunshine & Shadows | |
| Youth Education | 191.29 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 1,744.18 |
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| Account Balance Forward | \$ 687.70 |

2017 Houston International Quilts, Market & Festival Show 4-Days / November 1-4, 2017

Over 500 exhibitors from all over the world will participate in the **Houston Quilt Show**. They will exhibit products and services related to the quilt market. The manufacturers, suppliers and exporters associated with this market will participate in the show as exhibitors.

Package includes includes the following:

- Round Trip Motorcoach transportation from the valley with pick-up locations in:
McAllen – Weslaco – Harlingen – Brownsville
- 3-Nights stay at the Drury Inn & Suites Houston Hobby Airport
Only 10 miles from the George Brown Convention Center
- Breakfast – Thursday & Friday – 6:00am to 9:30am
- 5:30 Kick-Back each evening from 5:30 to 7:00pm (Hot/Cold food & Drinks)
- Admission tickets to the Wednesday Preview Night and Thursday and Friday
- Multiple Shuttle Times as noted below
- Trip Manager/Host from Chuck Olson Tours & Cruises



Wednesday Shuttle Times:

- 4:15pm Hotel to Convention Center
- 6:30pm Hotel to Convention Center
- 8:30pm *Convention Center to Hotel*
- 10:15pm *Convention Center to Hotel*

Thursday & Friday Shuttle Times:

- 7:30am Hotel to Convention Center
- 9:30am Hotel to Convention Center
- 12:00pm *Convention Center to Hotel*
- 2:00pm Hotel to Convention Center
- 2:30pm *Convention Center to Hotel*
- 4:00pm Hotel to Convention Center
- 4:30pm *Convention Center to Hotel*
- 6:00pm Hotel to Convention Center
- 9:15pm *Convention Center to Hotel*



Package Price Per Person:

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| Single | \$549.00 |
| Double | \$379.00 |
| Triple | \$339.00 |
| Deposit | \$50.00 |

Refundable up to Oct. 1, 2017



Multiple food opportunities located throughout the Convention Center

***All pricing is based availability. We reserve the right to change itineraries and correct errors as needed.**

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Attached is my \$50/ pp deposit for **Houston International Quilt Show**
November 1-4, 2017 in Houston

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

ROOMMATE: _____ PARK: _____

EMAIL: _____



3827 N 10th St.
Suite 203
McAllen, TX 78501

Quilt Show January 26, 27, 2018

Sewing with the Stars is progressing behind the scenes as you all go about preparing your quilts for the various categories in the show. Has anyone registered their quilt for the show yet?

We are trying to have a show that will keep your interest for the full time of the show as well as Ricky Tim's Luminarium that will follow our show directly. I hope everyone is signing up for all the classes. There will also be lectures, presentations and entertainment for your participation.

I am happy to inform you the caterer has been enlisted to feed you when the need arises during the show. The Convention Centre has been cooperative in all our requests and will make the show a pleasure again this year.

The most exciting news to the Members is that last week Mark, the Janome/ Elna representative from San Antonio, has made available an Elna Star. He has included the extension table as well as the quilting foot package. This will be the prize for the member selling the most tickets for the Opportunity quilt. It certainly will be worth your while to get as many entries as possible by selling more books of tickets. The committee has tickets available for you to sell. This applies to those away from the Valley for the summer as well. Contact Jan Baethke to book the quilt for sales opportunities as well at community events and Fiestas.

Keep up the good work on the military service quilts. I understand we will have a good display again this year.

Alice Gibson



QUILT SHOW SMALL QUILT SILENT AUCTION

How are those small quilts coming for our small quilt auction? Just about done? Don't forget you are helping our guild by donating a small quilt to sell.

Quilts should be 36" x 36" or smaller (144 inch perimeter). The quilts can be turned in at guild meetings starting in November or to Judy Blum. They are to have a label with name of the quilt as well as your name.

The guild will vote on their favorites at the January meeting and you might even win a cash prize. Questions, Judy Blum 319-551-0658 or judy.blum19@gmail.com

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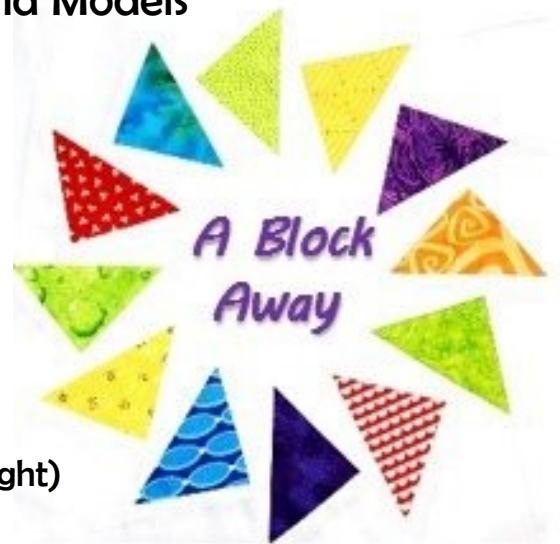
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Friendship Day

Those of us who attended the "Friendship Day" enjoyed all of it, especially all that good food. won one of the table decorations.

The classes were all well done and well attended, it seems that everyone had one, or two special ones to attend. We send our thanks to the ones who did all of the organizing work for Friendship Day. At our Bee meetings we are working on our Block of the Month yet. and waiting for the winter people to arrive and tell us about their summer.

When we don't have a class or lesson we bring something to finish, maybe. We are looking forward to the "Garage Sale", well we try to unload some of the least important things in our closets.

Michaela Shyne-Kalsow, 2105 S. Cynthia St., Apt A-217, McAllen, TX 78503, 406-223-2804

FYI

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

To all Members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. Please see the box on the right side of the home page of 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, Bonnie Hall, webmaster

For more information

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



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