

# Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

Published in March, 2018

## PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

**Schedule** an interesting and informative speaker - AND THEY WILL COME! At the April 14 meeting, there were 94 members and 2 guests. All 96 attendees were spellbound by the charismatic Dr. Frank Gerold, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hand and upper extremity treatment and surgery. He spoke in Medical terms, then revisited with common terms all comprehended. Again, the guild was blessed with another great program.

**HELP!** I was held up by Bonnie & Clyde at the meeting and had to plead again for a 2021 QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON. Seriously, this is the time to sign up to tag along with Debi and Marsha (2019 and 2020 quilt show chairpersons) to learn all the ends and outs which make this leadership role run smoother.

**FRIENDSHIP DAY:** Needed – Chairperson and helpers to host this event in September. The meeting place will be Alamo Rec Veh Park in Alamo (normal guild meeting room). Very easy to plan and orchestrate. Just ask me!

**NAME TAGS:** Please wear your name badge at every meeting so members and guests feel welcome and get to know each other. If not, there is a \$.25 fine until September 30, 2018. Beginning October 1, 2018, there will be a \$.50 fine for not wearing a name badge and you will be given a stick on badge to wear in accordance with the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Policies as noted on the website. SO Bring your coins just in case you forget your name badge.

**Retreat** attendance is an awesome way to get to know fellow guild members. Many friendships are formed that otherwise would be lost. I had the privilege to attend the Friendship and Bluebonnet retreats this year, due to cancellations, and had a wonderful time. It was very nice to see faces at the meeting that were at the retreats. If you get the opportunity to attend a retreat, you will never regret the experience.

I am looking forward to our next meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendar.

Safe travels to those leaving the valley and see you again next season

We are all bound together by a common thread – quilting!

See Ya!

Kathe



## Calendar

### **Guild Meeting:**

Saturday May 12, 2018,  
9:00 am to noon

Alamo Recreational Vehicle Park  
(Alamo Rec-Veh, Main Hall  
1320 W Frontage Road  
Alamo TX 78516

### **Carpooling is encouraged.**

**Program:** Pris (Pricilla) Wodzinski  
- Musings from a Quilter's  
Spouse

### **Board Meeting:**

Wednesday May 10, 2018  
Quilt Show Board 9:30 am to  
noon, Guild Board 1-2 pm  
Both at Renee's Fiber Art  
Quilting School.

1623 N Tower Rd,  
Alamo, TX 78516

Quilt Show Publicity meeting:  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at GOB Quilts in Harl-  
ingen, at 9:30 AM. Deb wants all  
chair people to be in attendance.

### **Military Service Quilts:**

60" x 72" finished  
Red, white and blue  
combinations, Contact Carla  
Mcwhinney or Renee Darkis for  
more information.

### **Programs:**

June: Diana Wolf - Quilting and  
Proportions

July: Dora Waufle - Lecture and  
demo: Using Mixed Media in  
Quilting

Aug—Lila Helm - Ma-  
chine Embroidery



Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
MARCH 2018	
Balance Forward	\$ 5,024.69
<b>INCOME</b>	
Administration	
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	92
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	100
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	470
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost/voided)	
Programs (fees)	95.04
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House (fees)	152.56
Youth Education	185
Total Income	\$ 1,094.60
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration (Sectry, Treas), Gift Certificate	133.42
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - building use (not classes), PO Box, Web	533.08
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	86.04
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	106.14
Membership	
Military Service quilts (storage)	
Newsletter	
President - (door prizes & gifts to departing officers)	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	1879.67
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	97.34
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	50
Youth Education	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,885.69
Account Balance Forward	\$ 3,233.60

## RGVQG General Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the President, Kathe LeTulle, at 9:00 am.

The Secretary minutes from the March meeting are posted in the newsletter an on-line.

Treasurer-Karon Jacobson: Karon gave the bank balance of \$3,223.60 with \$50,000.00 in savings.

2019 Opportunity Quilt Tickets-Diane Hines: Each member is encouraged to sell tickets for the opportunity quilt. For each book of ticket's a member sells, a ticket will be placed in a drawing for one of two \$150.00 gift certificates, one from A BLOCK AWAY quilt shop and the other from GOB Quilts. The Quilt Committee can now receive credit card payments for the opportunity quilt tickets and admission to the quilt show.

Library-Vicki Guerra: Vicki gave a quick reminder to those that are leaving for the summer. Please return library books before you go. Do not take them north or leave them in your residence in the valley. Vicki also thanked those that had returned books.

Community Service-Rick Redd: The March Community Service report was 426 items, 7071 hours, and \$51,264.75 value. The first quarter figures are \$120,683.50. The 2017 year totaled \$195,000. The goal of \$200,000.00 for 2018 will be reached prior to the end of the year. Rick thanks you for your participation. Rick also said that they are again providing quilts to neo natal and hospice patients. If you care to donate Block of the Month blocks/ projects to the Community Service, it would be appreciated.

Speaker – Dr. Frank Gerold, MD, Orthopedic and Hand Surgery of Valley Care Clinics, McAllen Texas.

Kathe LeTulle announced a break of 15 minutes after Dr. Gerold's presentation. The meeting resumed at 10:25 am.

Kathe asked us all to keep Karon Jacobson in our prayers. Karon spoke briefly about her recent diagnosis of colon cancer. Karon will undergo 6 weeks of chemo and radiation. In August she will undergo surgery, after surgery she will go thru another 4 weeks of chemo. She thanks us all for our thoughts, prayers and concern for her.

Retreats-Elaine Hall: Elaine will be available at the meetings to add members to the wait list for the 2019 quilt retreats.

Schoolhouse Classes-Karen Dill: The Killer Bee's – Sandy Gurney will be on hand during the summer months to answer questions about the classes and assist folks in signing up for the 2018-2019 classes. The Schoolhouse Class registration is now on line.

Sunshine and Shadows-Maggie Putney: Maggie sent out thank you notes to the stores that provided door prizes for the 2018 retreats. Maggie also sent a sympathy card to Claudette Shaver's family.

Block of the Month-Bonnie Cassidy: Sue Worrel won the March blocks as well as the April Blocks. Sue presented her completed project from the March blocks via a friend in the guild. The April blocks will be mailed to her. The May Block of the Month will be October 20, Old Maids Puzzle. All blocks should be finished at 8.5 inches. Karon Jacobson will post the picture and information on the Facebook Page. Members can also take a picture of the calendar page provided by Bonnie.

Membership-Bonnie Hall: The guild now has 302 members. Today we had 2 guests and 94 members present, a total of 96 in attendance. Bonnie is also the Webmaster. If you have questions regarding the website, please contact Bonnie. Bonnie commented that the 2018-2019 Schoolhouse Classes and the Speakers and their classes are all on line. Membership registration may be performed on line.

Programs-Judy Brown: The Program Update for 2018-2019 is in the newsletter. Registration for classes can be done 6 months prior to the class. In May the November Class will be available for registration. Karen K Stone is the November teacher/speaker. Check the website for program information. Lila Helm will be available at most meetings during the summer to accept class registrations from those without computer access. Guild Certificates may be used for the classes. Judy asked the guild members for feed back for presenters for 2019-2020-2021. She has heard interest in Karen Combes and Bonnie Hunter, both have been here in the past, but members would like to see them again. Laura Heine (collage) was a name of interest. Please send Judy names of presenters you would like to see come to RGVQG.

Fat Quarter Draw-Subie Redd.

2019 Quilt Show-Deb Warner: The Quilt Committee is looking for a Quilt Show Chair for 2021. Marsha Santow, 2020 Quilt Show Chair, is shadowing Deb Warner. They would very much like to have a 2021 Quilt Show Chair working with them. Chairperson(s) needed for: Publicity, Registration, Receiving/Return of Quilts, Demo Alley. Dolphin Duds are being retired. Banners are being planned to promote the show the month prior in island hotels. See Marsha Santow with banner ideas and if you want to assist her with the banners. Monday Deb will be meeting with the hotels on the island. One concern to be discussed with the hotels is the ability to have the same "secret code" for room registration between each hotel. Deb celebrated the fact that Karen Hunger, Carolyn Fox, Joy Paugh, and Linda Harderer have offered to help with the quilt show. Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am there will be a publicity meeting at GOB Quilts in Harlingen.

Military Service Quilts-Carla Mewhinney: MSQ are looking for folks to quilt the quilts. Bundles will be put together this next week and will be ready for quilting. Future sew days have not been scheduled.

Show and Tell

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Paugh, Secretary.

## RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

You may now pay for your membership [online](#) using a credit card or PayPal. If you are not sure you paid your dues for 2018, you can verify by checking the sign-in sheet at the guild meetings. If you are no longer on the sign-in sheet, you have not yet paid your 2018 dues; you will have to pay the \$10 guest fee (or pay the \$25 membership) to attend any more meetings.

We have **303** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 04/14/2018.

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 membership article.

**Welcome New Members** – Jane Noonan.

**Welcome back returning members** – No returning members this month.

**Welcome back renewing members** – Sylvia Martinez and Mi Belia Mena.

I will not publish address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is available online on the alligator page. You will need a password to open the directory. Your 2018 membership ID cards will have the info needed to access the online directory on the back of the ID card.

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

## Programs Update 2018 and 2019, Judy Brown, Program Chair

Details are available on the website [rgvqg.com/programs.html](http://rgvqg.com/programs.html). Online registrations will open six months prior to the class.

**April** 14, 2018 - Hand Health for Quilting with Dr. Frank Gerold

**May** 12, 2018 -Pris (Pricilla) Wodzinski - Musings from a Quilter's Spouse

**June** 9, 2018 - Diana Wolf - Quilting and Proportions.

**July** 14, 2018 - Jean Waufle - Lecture/demo: Using Mixed Media in Quilting

**August** 11, 2018 - Lila Helm - Machine Embroidery

**September** 8, 2018 - Friendship Day

**October** 13, 2018 - Rummage Sale

**November** 15-17, 2018 - **Karen K. Stone** (*Note that this date has been changed due to Houston Quilt Show on our normal meeting date. This is the 3rd week, rather than the 2nd.*)

**Classes: Windsor Gardens** - November 15; **Little Things That Count** , November 16; **Trunk Show/Lecture** - November 17

**December** 7-8, 2018 - **Carly Mul**

**Classes: Sewing Machine** - December 7, **Trends from Market** -Lecture December 8

**January** 12, 2019 - Program TBD as this is a busy meeting with Quilt Show Challenge voting and Small Quilts voting plus installation of officers and committee chairs.

**February** 7-9, 2019 - **Weeks Ringle**

Classes February 7. There will be two 3-hour classes scheduled. You can sign up for both at \$45 or Morning or Afternoon at \$25.

**Classes: The Role of Color in Your Quilts** - 9:00 - 12:00, **Fabric Smackdown** - 1:00 - 4:00, **Improv**

**Piecing** - February 8

**Transforming Traditions: Modernism and Quilts** - Lecture February 9

**Quilt Show Speaker and Instructor** - February 15-16, 2019 - **Cathy Geier**

**Maples and Aspen** - One class each day 9:00 am - Noon

**Trunk Show/Lecture** - each day at 2:00

**March** 7-9, 2019 - Judy Gauthier— Quilts for Scrap Lovers

Lila Helm will be available at most meetings during the summer to accept class registrations from those without computer access.

Work is beginning on booking the 2019-2020 programs. If you know of someone you would like to see invited, please email [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com) with details. Thank you.



## Evening in the Valley:

### The Story of the Opportunity Quilt By Alice Gibson

Our Weslaco Heritage Bee knew it was about time we did the opportunity quilt again, as it was 13 years since the last one, everyone agreed “no appliqué this time”. We also wanted something that would represent some aspect of the Valley. Everyone brought their ideas and it wasn't hard to decide our choice.

We contacted Marcie Baker to allow us to use her pattern and amend it to take it from a wall hanging to a bed sized quilt. She offered to work with us to sketch our design and assist in calculating the amount of fabric needed. We decided to order Jenny Byers collection of fabric so we could create the effect we wanted.

Everyone contributed for one whole season, self selected of course, cutters, putting pieces together, sewers who put the pieces together, pressers, unsewers, repeat the process till blocks were complete. Once person volunteered to sew the blocks together, this was easy because so much attention had been put into the initial construction.

Elaine Cooke volunteered to make the wall hanging and I quilted it on my long arm quilter. Kathleen Dombi volunteered to make the miniature. In her expert style, she replicated the quilt to a REAL miniature as was her specialty in the group.

With contribution of our total membership the pieces came together and we are very pleased with final result. The name was selected by the bee after a brainstorming discussion we agreed to the one we chose.

Thanks to all the members of The Weslaco Heritage Bee! This was the third opportunity quilt some of the members had been involved in!



#### READY! SET! GO!

It is time to get going on your piece for the **SMALL QUILT SILENT AUCTION**

for the quilt show next year! We are asking for you to make a small quilt, no larger 144 inches around. (36" X 36") These quilts are donated to the guild to be auctioned off at the show. The proceeds go toward the many activities that the guild has.

This is a good time to try a new technique that you have wanted to try, finish up a small UFO or find something cute that you think people might be interested in. They should have a label on it with the name of the quilt and the maker.

We will vote on our favorites at a guild meeting closer to the show. You might even win some prize money.

Questions, Judy Blum 319-551-0658 or [judy.blum19@gmail.com](mailto:judy.blum19@gmail.com)

# COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT October 2017

TOTAL ITEMS.....426  
TOTAL HOURS.....7071  
TOTAL VALUE.....\$51,264.75



**Donated to:**  
Military Project  
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Tropic Star Quilters

**First Quarter Total \$120,683.50 GOOD JOB EVERYONE!!!**



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Renee Darkis



## QUILTERS' SCHOOLHOUSE



The Quilters' Schoolhouse classes for the next season are posted on the RGVQG web site under Schoolhouse. Thanks to Bonnie Hall you are able to register on line by clicking on Sign Up. The December class is Tiny Stars taught by Judy Blum. In January Jan Baethke will be teaching Needle Stars.

Subie Redd will teach a Transfer, Sew, and Flip technique while you make a placemat or table runner. The last Quilters' Schoolhouse class will be Mega Bow Tuck Tote taught by Patty Hoerr.

Thanks to all who have used the RGVQG web site to sign up!



# Bee News



**Killer Bees:** Hi all, The Killer Bees have been busy the last month with the retreat that was enjoyed...lots of sewing, shopping and friendship.

We had a demo day that turned out to be a success. Summer meetings will be a bit calmer with most of our fellow KB's heading north.

If you would like to come visit, now would be a great time since our Bee is smaller for our summer meetings, Thur 9 am at Sunshine Country Club in Harlingen.

## Honeybees have staying power!

During the last month of the season, the Honeybees completing veterans' quilts - 55 quilts in all. That makes 88 quilts completed this season. Next season was begun with the installation of officers, and plans for new programs and projects were announced, including the 2018 challenge quilt block. Group projects including enhancing a sweat-shirt with reverse applique and learning an easy method to make the New York Beauty block.



## Programs, Judy Brown, Program Chair

All program details are available on our website [rgvqq.com/programs.html](http://rgvqq.com/programs.html). Online registrations will open six months prior to the class. The first registration for the 2018-19 season will be for **Karen K. Stone**. Registrations will open online on May 15. Mark your calendars. Note that I will also post on Facebook that they are open for her classes. Note that these are the third week in November since the Houston Show is a week later than normal.

- Windsor Gardens** - Class November 15
- Little Things That Count** - Class - November 16
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Those at the May meeting are in for a real treat. Our own **Pris Wodzinski's** husband was so interested in her quilting and began writing stories which are so observant and oh, so funny. It is a shame that he never wanted them to be published, but at his death, left her the treasure of 52 quilting stories. Pris will share some of them with you.

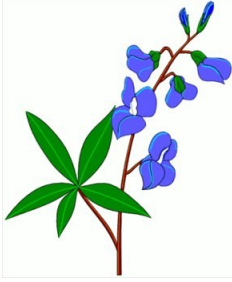


There was a mix-up in Doug Leko's calendars for March 2019, so he will now be joining us for our December 2019 meeting. We are so fortunate that we have been able to contract with **Judy Gauthier** for March 2019. Additional information is on the [RGVQG.com](http://RGVQG.com) website.

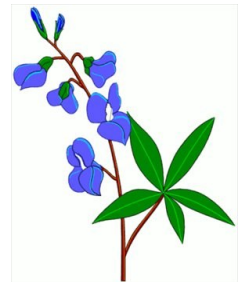
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Bookings are progressing for Fall 2019 - Winter 2020 as popular instructors are even booking into 2021. If you know someone you would like to see invited, please email [programs@rgvqq.com](mailto:programs@rgvqq.com) with details. Thank you.





### BLUEBONNET FRIENDS RETREAT



It was a fantastic retreat again this year. Everyone sure and a great time. There was lots of laughter the entire time.

Show and Tell proved once again what a bunch of talented gals we are so fortunate to have in our group. The reason we are so lucky is because everyone is more than willing to share and help when asked.

We had 7 first time retreaters this year. They were welcomed with open arms and certainly fit in nicely with the seasoned retreaters. It is always nice to bring in new people. They all signed up for next year's retreat so they must have had a good time!

Next year will be the 20th Annual RGVQG Retreat. We have some things planned already and are kicking other ideas around. If you have an idea to help us celebrate 20 fulfilled years of retreat, please let me know. The 20th is Emerald so the color is green. Will give more info later in the year.

Until next time, Karyn Heaney

### THANK YOU

Words cannot express my gratitude to the Friendship Star and the Bluebonnet Friends retreaters for their generous gift. I am overwhelmed by each and everyone of you. You are a very special group of friends that I am so honored to call FRIEND. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

My plan is to purchase a Tutto Sewing Case and Serger Case. What a fabulous reminder that will be. I will think of all of you whenever I use the cases.

THANK YOU

Until next time, Karyn Heaney



### Military Service Quilt Presentation



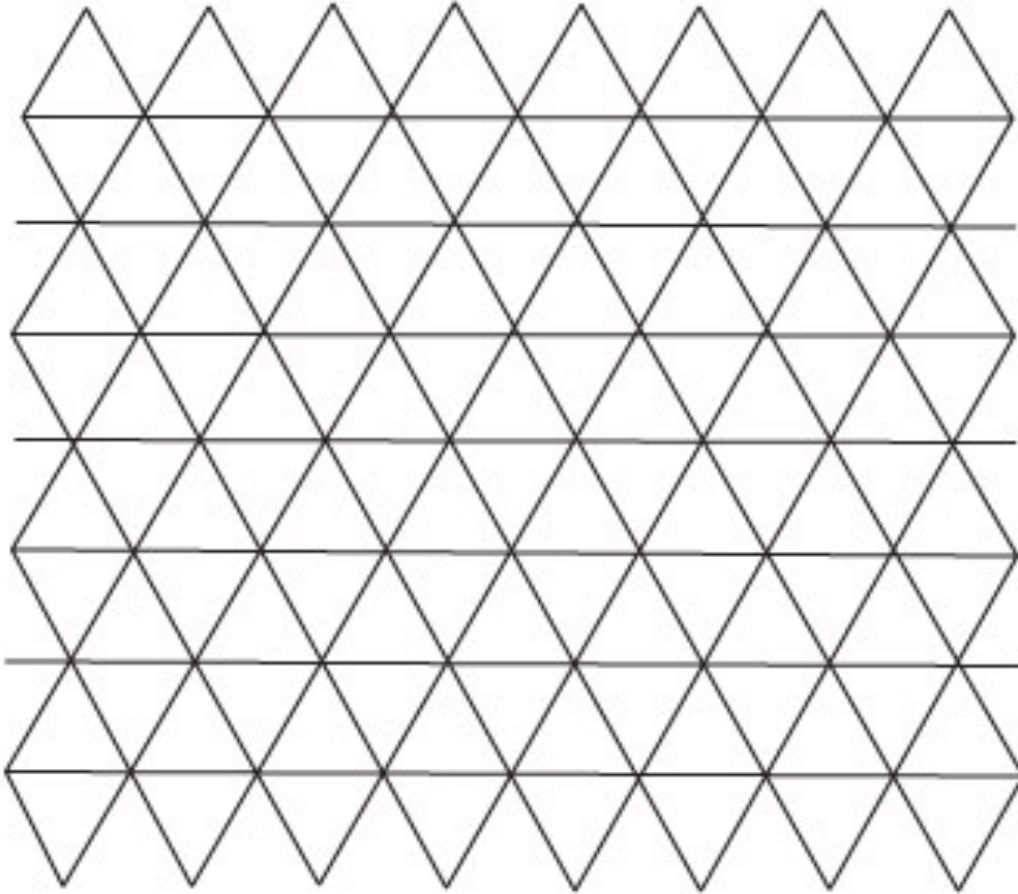
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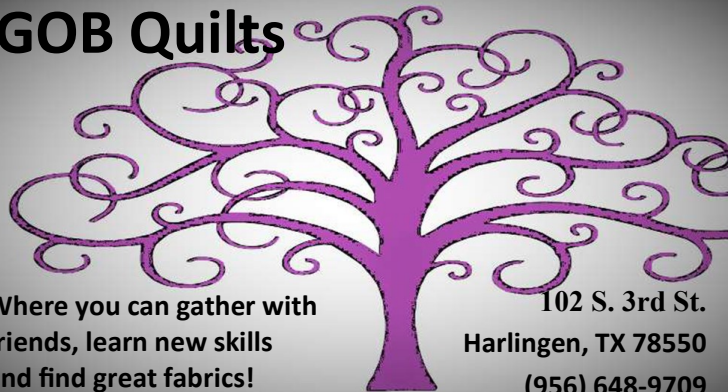
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