

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

WOW!

Diana Wolf's presentation on the Fibonacci was an exceptional example as to why our quilts as well as everyday works look so much better being proportional to the entire project. The 100 or so examples brought everything into perspective – better, much better, best! Amazing concept and now we can look at anything and see Fibonacci!!!!

FRIENDSHIP DAY: We have a CHAIRPERSON – Maggie Putney – (956) 342-2667 – maggieput94@yahoo.com - Maggie needs Helpers to assist in hosting this event September 8th. The meeting place will be Alamo Rec Veh Park in Alamo (normal guild meeting room) at 9AM. Thank you Maggie for stepping up to chair the committee so NOW who will volunteer to be on the committee?

2021 QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON: NEED 2021 Quilt Show Chairperson? Now is the time to volunteer and walk hand in hand with Debi and Marcia learning all the ins and outs of behind the scenes of a Quilt Show. Think it over seriously or there cannot be a Quilt Show without a chairperson.

Last month's Presidents message requested positive and negative comments from members. Several responded and the drawing for the special gift is given to Florea Flores. Thanks for all the comments both positive and negative and each will be addressed.

We are already in Hurricane season and that means preparedness. I for one am cutting out projects and placing them in plastic containers (per project) in case we have to evacuate. That way I have my sewing machine and projects to keep me busy while away. No Stress There! HA!HA!

So much going on with the guild for the remainder of this year – just keep checking the website, www.rgvqg.com... The guild is so fortunate to have talented members willing to share their talents with fellow members. Thank you to all who share.

I am looking forward to our next meeting on July 14th so mark your calendar.

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

See Ya!

Kathe



Calendar

Guild Meeting:

Saturday Jul 14, 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: Jean Waufle
Using Mixed Media in Quilting**

Board Meeting:

Quilt Board
Wednesday Jul 11, 2018
9:30 to noon

Guild Board 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School.
1623 N Tower Rd,
Alamo, TX 78516

Military Service Quilts:

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

Sew Days:

Wed, June 13, 9am-3pm
Alamo Rec Vec

Programs:

Aug: Lila Helm - Machine
Embroidery

Sep: Friendship Day

Oct: Rummage Sale



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

Kathe LeTulle, President, opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

Diana Wolf presented a program on Quilting and Proportions. (Fibonacci)

Secretary: Joy Paugh said the May Minutes were posted in the newsletter, with no changes or corrections they will be filed.

Treasurer: Karon Jacobson provided the bank balance of \$2,592.87 and the savings of \$44,630.00. Karon has distributed the 2 scholarship checks to the recipients.

Programs: Lila Helm for Judy Brown, announced the programs for the 2018-2019 year. See the newsletter for the program schedule.

Military Service Quilts: Carla Mewhinney said there are quilts ready to be quilted. New woven labels are available for the service quilts, sew and iron-on. June 13 is the sew day at the Alamo Rec-Veh. 17 kits ready to be sewn.

Sunshine and Shadows: Maggie Putney has sent cards to Karon Jacobson and Cindy Michaels.

Friendship Day: Maggie Putney asked for helpers for the September 8 Friendship Day. At the July meeting Maggie will have a sign-up sheet with a place to check if you are bringing a salad or dessert.

Membership/Webmaster: Bonnie Hall reported we had 50 in attendance today. We added 3 new members and had one guest. 310 members now in the guild. RGVQG is the 3rd largest quilt guild in Texas.

Block of the Month: July block will be 12.5 inches and any pattern you want to use. These blocks will be given to Military Service. Bonnie was the only one that entered the June block of the month. May winner, Mary Britton, showed her completed project and will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to use with the guilds quilt classes. Mary gave her completed quilt to Community Service.

School House Classes: Sandy Gurney for Karen Dill, said the November Class of Small Baskets will be held on Thursday at Renee's Studio instead of Friday. School House Classes are held at Renee's Studio and are \$10.00 each. These classes are taught by guild members.

Community Service: Rick Redd gave the May Community Service Report. Total Items-549, Total Hours-1178, Total Value -\$8,540.50. In July he will provide the semi-annual amount which will be around \$150,000.00 in total value. Community Service now has an Accu-Quilt cutter for the hospice and prenatal quilts. They plan to have kits available. Community Service will share this cutter with the member Bee's.

Library: Vicki Guerra asks that the members remember to return their books to the library. Vicki showed us a quilt book that incorporated Fibonacci.

Quilt Show: Laural Powell for Debi Warner. Laural reminded us that the show is 8 months away. There is a Facebook page for the quilt show. Please sign up as this is free and provides much advertising for the quilt show. Linda Haderer introduced the Quilters Walk that will be a new addition to the 2019 quilt show. See the newsletter for details. Linda is asking the guild to make purses, totes or large bags and fill them with theme products. 20 purses, bags/totes will be chosen to be raffled off at the quilt show. The bags need to be completed by December 8. Members who choose not to make an item are requested to donate items to fill the purses, bags or totes.

Door Prizes:

Fat Quarter Draw:

Show and Tell:

Other Business:

Kathe LeTulle said that Florea Flores read and responded to the Presidents article in the May Newsletter. Florea will receive a gift.

Kathe also noted that the guild is now a member of the SPI Chamber of Commerce. The Turtle Rescue and the Birding Center are providing discounted tickets to their business for the Friday-Saturday-Sunday of the weekend of our quilt show.

Karon Jacobson thanked us for our prayers, thoughts, and cards as she is going thru her cancer treatment.

Diana Wolfe reminded us to get articles in the for the newsletter by Monday, she also noted that Judy Brown is wanting hostesses for the 2018-2019 speakers.

Bonnie Hall encouraged the guild to enter quilts in the Houston show. Bonnie will have a miniature quilt in the 2018 Houston show and Kay Dombi showed her Bed of Roses at the 2018 spring show in Paducah. This year, Houston will have a Texas Quilt exhibit that will feature winners from various Texas quilt guild shows. Bonnie will post the eligibility requirements for this exhibit.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Paugh, Secretary

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show now has its own Facebook Page.

We hope everyone who is on Facebook will search Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show, then "Like" and "Follow" this page. We will be posting interesting information about the quilt show, and because this is an open page, we hope you will "Share" post with your Friends. The more we share or repost from this page, the further the word about the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show will spread.





Quilt Categories

There will be two major changes to the quilt categories this year. Some minor changes have also been made to quilt sizes to better balance the categories, but these will not impact your summer sewing.

The two major changes are:

- (1) A separate category for Hand Quilting. Quilts in this category will be more than 50% hand work such as hand quilting, hand applique, hand embroidery, etc.
- (2) A category has been added for a Chair's Choice. This will allow the category to change each year to feature more styles, although these may or may not become permanent categories. One chair might choose red work, while another might want to feature modern quilting.

This is the Chair's Choice is **Recycling**. Quilts entered in this category must have a **top** that has at least 50% recycling material. Recycled is defined as having had a previous life as a garment, previous quilt, or object. Material which had not been previously USED and has been acquired from sale, swap, or rescue from a scrap bin does NOT count as recycled. The quilt back and batting need not be recycled.

For example, if the quilt is wool applique, it must have 50% of it's fabric from wool coats, skirts, old blankets, etc. Please address any questions to quiltshow@rgvqg.com.



COUNTDOWN TO THE SHOW!

It is about six months to the day for the RGVQ Guild quilt show on South Padre. I am sure many of you have been working on your quilts that you will register to hang. BUT have you been working on a small quilt for the silent auction? I know, I know you are thinking, "There is lots of time. I will get one done!" But the show is six months away. In that time you will be going to see grandchildren's ball games, attend family reunions, work in your garden, go on picnics, take a trip. And before you know it it will be time to return to South Texas or return to the myriad of fall and winter activities that take place in South Texas AND STILL no small quit done. Now's the time to get started.

Remember your place is to be 144 inches or less around the outside. It can be any method of construction. Please put a label on it with your name, RGVQG and the year. It is always nice for the buyer if it has a sleeve on. Questions, email Judy.blum19@gmail.com

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 **310** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 06/09/2018.

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 – Shirley Doering, Sharon Harper, Vickie Jones, Jackie Landon.

Welcome back returning members – Nancy Brooks.

Welcome back renewing members – Robbie Pettapiece.

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) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)

HOUSTON 2018 FESTIVAL

Texas Guild's Award Winning Traditional Quilts

Click [HERE](#) for information and entry form.

The Lone Star State is home to scores of guilds and groups where members meet to share friendship, experiences, and to create new quilts. This exhibit features some of the best traditional work done by Texas quilters of all styles and skill levels that have previously won an award in a guild competition. This exhibit will premiere at International Quilt Market and Festival, November 2018. Note: the size requirements have changed to 48" in width instead of the previous 36".

Please click one of the following to see the ribbon winners for RGV Quilt Shows 2015-2018.

[2018 Ribbon Winners](#)

[2017 Ribbon Winners](#)

[2016 Ribbon Winners](#)

[2015 Ribbon Winners](#)



We have joined South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce!

In June, the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild became members of the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce.

Members from the RGVQG Board and the Quilt Show Board met with the Chamber Staff, discussing promotional ideas for both the Guild and the Quilt Show. We are already starting to receive benefits from publicity opportunities to partnerships with other businesses on the Island that are also members of the Chamber.

We will have more details to share soon.



HELP! I NEED SOMEBODIES!

NEED: Volunteers for FRIENDSHIP DAY – September 8th - Salad Luncheon. Loads of fun....IF INTERESTED: please contact Maggie Putney (CHAIRPERSON) – (956) 342-2667, Maggie put94@yahoo.com

IN SEARCH OF: 2021 Quilt Show Chairperson. Begin the journey now to learn from current and future quilt show chairpersons. IF INTERESTED: please contact – Kathe Letulle – President@rgvqg.com email, Text or phone: 956-272-2377

Thanks to all who continue who insure our Quilt Guild is the BEST!

Programs, Judy Brown, Program Chair

Want to check your program class registrations? [Click here](#) to see the status of the registrations for the upcoming programs. Note that there are tabs at the bottom for the months. These are updated manually with a goal to update daily, but you can see the date and time of the last update in the top right. Any questions, please contact programs@rgvqg.com

Registrations are coming in for Karen K. Stone's November classes. They had filled when we had her initially scheduled for the Quilt Show earlier this year and she had to cancel, so I fully expect them to fill now. Remember that we are meeting and holding classes a week later this year in November as the Houston Quilt Show is later. Registrations are also open for Carly Mul's collage class in December.

Thank you to Diana Wolf for the June program. Jean Waufle will be doing a lectured and demo in July entitled "Using Mixed Media in Quilting."

Due to the large amount of interest in an umbrella class with Judy Gauthier in March, we are scheduling two classes. Thirty members expressed an interest in registering when it was posted on Facebook and not all members access Facebook. The programs page has not been changed yet as Judy is currently in Scotland on vacation and so I can't talk with her until she returns later in the month, but the website will be changed to reflect this. Please always check the rgvqg.com website under programs for all the information.

On the alligator page (rgvqg.com/alligator) in the lower left you will see the following. Please click on the "here" link to see what classes you are registered for and possibly put together car pools.

Judy Brown, RGVQG Program Chair

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TOTAL ITEMS.....549
 TOTAL HOURS.....1178
 TOTAL VALUE.....\$8,540.50



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