

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

Published in November, 2018

PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: December Guild Meeting will be back on schedule the 2nd Saturday – December 8th.

Karen K Stone entertained the members present at the November Member. What a wonderful experience, she was awesome. Her classes were full of wonderful information and enjoyed by all attendees. The Guild is very fortunate to have Karen.

This is Karen Dills last year as Schoolhouse Chairman. We need someone to step up and volunteer to take over that position for classes beginning in November 2019. As Karen says – “the purpose is to secure members to teach classes during November, December, January, February and March”. Many times the members will volunteer without having to be approached. And just think – signing up on line means less handling of money for the chairman which is a plus. Please email me at President@rgvqg.com to let me know your thoughts for this volunteer position.

And by the way – the Guild has an opening for the 2021 Quilt Show Chairman. This is an opportunity as you will have time to be with the next two years chairman to learn all the ropes.. Your selected committee will have time to prepare as well. Easy Job because the duties are all defined and follow through will be a breeze. ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE? Just tell let me know you wish to volunteer.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone for the December Meeting – December 8th - so mark your calendar.

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

See Ya There!

Happy Thanksgiving To ALL and Safe Travels!!!

Kathe – President@rgvqg.com

956-272-2377



Calendar

Guild Meeting:

Saturday Dec 8, 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: Carly Mul

Topic - Trends from Market

Board Meeting:

Wednesday Dec 5, 2018

at 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.

Programs:

Jan - Stephanie Hackney –
Hobbs Bonded Fibers

Feb - Weeks Ringle - transfor-
mation of quilts from traditional
to vibrant art

Quilt Show - Kathy Geier , tech-
niques for landscape quilts

Mar - Judy Gauthier -
Quilts for
Scrap Lovers



2019 BUDGET
JANUARY 1, 2019- DECEMBER 31, 2019

| | A | B | C | D |
|----|---|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Income and Expenditures RG VQG Checking Account | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | 1/1/19 -12/31/19 | 1/1/19 -12/31/19 | 1/1/19 -12/31/19 |
| 5 | INCOME | 2019 Budget | Year to Date Income | Increase |
| 6 | Administration (donations to the Guild) Craftsy/Facebook | 180.00 | - | \$ (180.00) |
| 7 | Community Service | | - | \$ - |
| 8 | Fabric Drawing | 1,000.00 | - | \$ (1,000.00) |
| 9 | Guests & Fines | 200.00 | - | \$ (200.00) |
| 10 | Library | | - | \$ - |
| 11 | Membership | 7,500.00 | - | \$ (7,500.00) |
| 12 | Military Service Quilts | 100.00 | - | \$ (100.00) |
| 13 | Newsletter (advertising) | 600.00 | - | \$ (600.00) |
| 14 | Other Income - savings transfer | | - | \$ - |
| 15 | Other Income - voided checks, refunds | 70.00 | - | \$ (70.00) |
| 16 | Programs (fees) (subtract refunds from here) | 7,335.00 | - | \$ (7,335.00) |
| 17 | Quilt Show | 14,000.00 | - | \$ (14,000.00) |
| 18 | School House (fees) (subtract refunds from here) | 2,000.00 | - | \$ (2,000.00) |
| 19 | Youth Education | | - | \$ - |
| 20 | | | | |
| 21 | Total Income | 32,985.00 | \$0.00 | (\$32,985.00) |
| 22 | | | | |
| 23 | EXPENSES | 2019 Budget | Year to Date Expenses | Balance |
| 24 | Admin: Gift certificate | 300.00 | - | \$ (300.00) |
| 25 | Admin: Various (stamps, etc) | | - | \$ - |
| 26 | Admin: Office supplies | 210.00 | - | \$ (210.00) |
| 27 | Admin: Printing | 100.00 | - | \$ (100.00) |
| 28 | Admin: Memorial Flowers at quilt show | 70.00 | - | \$ (70.00) |
| 29 | Bank Service Charge - checks, fees | 53.00 | - | \$ (53.00) |
| 30 | Bee Keeper (Split upper valley and lower valley bees) | 300.00 | - | \$ (300.00) |
| 31 | Biz Util Guild building rent | 3,600.00 | - | \$ (3,600.00) |
| 32 | Biz Util: Board building rent | 600.00 | - | \$ (600.00) |
| 33 | Biz Util: Web (including Flipcause monthly fee) | 1,365.96 | - | \$ (1,365.96) |
| 34 | Biz Util: P. O. Box (annual) | 120.00 | - | \$ (120.00) |
| 35 | Biz Util: Storage unit Weslaco (Unit B17) minus 5% to quilt show. 1/2 balance to MSQ Note Paying 12 mos gives 13 mos. | 806.00 | - | \$ (806.00) |
| 36 | Community Service | 300.00 | - | \$ (300.00) |
| 37 | Fabric Drawing | 25.00 | - | \$ (25.00) |
| 38 | Friendship Day | 300.00 | - | \$ (300.00) |
| 39 | Guests & Fines | 25.00 | - | \$ (25.00) |
| 40 | Library | 300.00 | - | \$ (300.00) |
| 41 | Membership | 100.00 | - | \$ (100.00) |
| 42 | Military Service quilts (1/2 storage unit B17) | 806.00 | - | \$ (806.00) |
| 43 | Military Service quilts (fabric, batting, thread) | 750.00 | - | \$ (750.00) |
| 44 | President (door prizes, departing officers) | 400.00 | - | \$ (400.00) |
| 45 | Professional Fees - Accountant | 250.00 | - | \$ (250.00) |
| 46 | Professional Fees - Insurance | 1,586.00 | - | \$ (1,586.00) |
| 47 | Programs, (includes Bldg use rent) | 12,300.00 | - | \$ (12,300.00) |
| 48 | Publicity | 200.00 | - | \$ (200.00) |
| 49 | School House (includes bldg use rent) | 2,100.00 | - | \$ (2,100.00) |
| 50 | Scholarships - Officers (Programs, President & show chair) | 1,800.00 | - | \$ (1,800.00) |
| 51 | Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members) | - | - | \$ - |
| 52 | Scholarships - (College) | 4,130.00 | - | \$ (4,130.00) |
| 53 | Sunshine & Shadows | 50.00 | - | \$ (50.00) |
| 54 | Youth Education | 50.00 | - | \$ (50.00) |
| 55 | | | - | \$ - |
| 56 | Total Expenses | 32,996.96 | - | \$ (32,996.96) |
| 57 | | | - | \$ - |
| 58 | Account Balance Forward | (11.96) | 0.00 | 11.96 |

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| Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account | |
| OCTOBER 2018 | |
| Balance Forward | \$ 1,590.07 |
| INCOME | |
| Administration (donations to the Guild not allocated) | 110 |
| Community Service | |
| Fabric Drawing | |
| Guests & Fines | |
| Library | |
| Membership | 1156 |
| Military Service Quilts | |
| Newsletter (advertising) | |
| Other Income - savings transfer, lost checks | |
| Programs (fees) (subtract refunds from here) | (90.00) |
| Quilt Show | \$ (40.00) |
| School House (fees) (subtract refunds from here) | 20 |
| Youth Education | 80 |
| | |
| Total Income | \$ 1,236.00 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Administration, Gift Certificate | 58.92 |
| Bank Service Charge - checks, fees | |
| Bee Keeper (Split upper valley and lower valley bees) | |
| Biz Utilities - building use (not classes; 1/2 storage unit), PO Box, Web | 702.39 |
| Community Service | 155.93 |
| Fabric Drawing | |
| Friendship Day | |
| Guests & Fines | |
| Library | |
| Membership | |
| Military Service quilts (include 1/2 storage unit \$825) | |
| President (door prizes, departing officers) | |
| Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance | 140 |
| Programs, (includes Bldg use rent) | |
| Publicity | |
| School House (includes bldg use rent) | |
| Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair) | |
| Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members) | 600 |
| Scholarships - (College) | 40.42 |
| Sunshine & Shadows | |
| Youth Education | 10.99 |
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| Total Expenses | \$ 1,708.65 |
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| Account Balance Forward | \$ 1,117.42 |

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Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2018

Kathe LeTulle, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

10:30 AM the meeting re-convened after a lecture/trunk show by Karen K Stone.

Kathe LeTulle reminded the members that as of November, 2018 if members forget their name tag a fee of .50 cents will be required. Kathe encouraged attendees to go to the RGVQG.com website and sign up for classes from our guest speakers.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The October RGVQG General Meeting Minutes were printed in the October newsletter. The minutes will be filed as there were no corrections or changes requested.

Treasurer – Karon Jacobson: Bank Balance: \$1,117.42.

Military Service Quilts – Carla Mewhinney: Dale Shafer, Alamo Country Club distributed 4 veteran quilts. Dale read a thank you from Robert and Carol Campbell. Robert is a World War II veteran. Carla announced 4 military sew days for the season. The days are: November 30, 2018 at Winter Ranch, January 8, 2019 at Green Gate, January 16, at Trophy Gardens, and February 25, at Snow to Sun off International (1015) in Weslaco. There are quite a few military quilts to be quilted. See Carla or Renee if you would like to help with the quilting.

Programs – Judy Brown: Carly Mul will be the December 2019 speaker. Weeks Ringle is our February speaker and Judy Gauthier will be here in March. Judy has booked all speakers for the 2019-2020 season.

School House Classes – Sandy Gurney for Karen Dill: Thursday, November 29, 2018, Dale Shafer will be teaching Baskets Galore, fabric baskets. Sign up on line.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: Millie Leonard had a light stroke. The following have passed away: Lillian Hollenbaugh, Anita Bridges, Claudette Shafter and Jean Tate.

Library – Vicki Guerra: Please return your library books. Please do not take them north when you leave. Library books may be requested on line and picked up at the following guild meeting. The guild is looking for a librarian.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: 30 members are on the waiting list. Friendship Retreat payment is due at the December meeting. The last date for complete refund is February 21, 2019. Bluebonnet Retreat payment is due at the January 2019 meeting. The last date for complete refund is February 28, 2019. Each retreat will make a block specific to their group. Patterns are on line. Karyn is requesting participants to bring memorabilia. T-Shirts are being sold with a 20th Anniversary logo for \$15.00. No refunds.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: November newsletter articles are due Monday, November 19, 2018 at midnight.

Membership – Bonnie Hall: 323 members present today. 10 members were added at today's meeting. Total of 333 members. Bonnie is also the Webmaster. If you have an issue with the website contact Bonnie. Passwords for the website are listed on the back of the membership card.

Community Service – Rick Redd: October numbers, Total Items – 713, Total Hours – 1394, Total Value - \$10,100.50. YTD: \$197,621.75. The 2018 goal is \$200,000.00. Rick asked members to consider donating hospice and neonatal quilts to community service.

2019 Quilt Show – Debi Warner: Debi reminded us that the quilt show is 3 months away. Judy Blum, Small Quilt Silent Auction. Quilt size 144" or less around. At the January meeting the small quilts are voted on and the 1,2,3 place winners receive a monetary prize. Rick and Subie Redd showed the completed banner bases that will be displayed in 6 hotels, 2 restaurants as well as the Birding and Turtle centers promoting the show. Paula McCutchen reviewed the quilt challenge requirements. Paula also distributed publicity packets for 67 parks and local cities. Diana Wolf asked members to provide items to fill the bags and totes being donated for the Quilters Walk, a new money maker for the quilt show. Marsha Santow has 26 vendors signed up for the show. Karen Hunger is the volunteer chairman, members can sign up on line as well as the monthly meeting.

Bonnie Hall is responsible for the registering of quilts. Non-members can enter quilts in the show. 25 quilts have been registered. Judy Brown -Programs, said Cathy Geier will teach a class each morning on landscapes. No machine is required.

Class is \$25.00. Diane Hinds and Diane Tewell have the raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt. See Jan Bathke to check-out the opportunity quilt to be shown at parks and to sell tickets. Lynn Benson is responsible for the awards and ribbons. Linda Osborne is the chairman for receiving and returning of quilts. Linda would like help from previous committee people. Mike Hall is the facility and logistics person. Monica Myer is Style Show Chairman. Lural Powell is the Publicity Chairman. Debi is looking for individuals to do demos at the quilt show.

Election of Officers – Kathe LeTulle: The nominees are, Marty Morrison for Membership/1st VP; Rick Redd for Community Service; and Diane Tewell for Treasurer. Kathe asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Due to no additional nominations and in line with Roberts Rules of Order – Parliamentary Procedure, Joy Paugh, Secretary, cast one ballot for the election of this slate of officers.

Reminder: Guests attending a meeting where a nationally recognized speaker is presenting a \$10.00 fee is charged. If the guest becomes a member, the \$10.00 is returned and the membership fee of \$25.00 is paid.

At this time, PayPal cannot be used on line when signing up for classes.

Block of the Month – Subie Redd for Bonnie Cassidy: The December block pattern is June 8, from the quilt calendar. More information for creating the block will be in the newsletter and online. Jan Markham won the November blocks. Winners of the Block of the Month that return the following month with a completed project, will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate toward guild classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Quilt walk

Show off your themed bags at either the December Show and Tell. This is a new attempt by the Guild to raise money from the Quilt Show.

Wow! We have some talented people making bags for the Quilt Walk. One sizeable bag appears to have a needle felted exterior. I'm keeping my eye on that one for a bid, but you can bid too. So far, we have bags themed _____ . We hope to see more bags at Show and Tell in December for pickup. We will be accepting donated items to fill bags themed: _____ and other items for other bags.

We will have some very happy winners of these bags. This is a silent auction format, with bags offered on Friday and a new set on Saturday.

While we can't include a bottle of wine, we can include an empty bottle with a note or gift certificate for a bottle or two of wine.

Programs, Judy Brown, Program Chair

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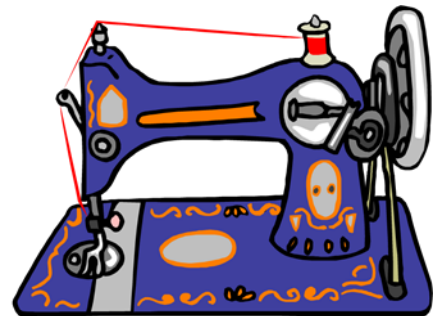
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Batting and quilt care tips & tricks

And one lucky winner will win \$50 worth of Hobbs batting!

February brings two speakers to RGVQG. For our regular meeting, we have scored Weeks Ringle. If you haven't heard of her, please Google her. I have seen her present several times and have learned so much. I plan to attend both of her classes and hope that you will consider them as well. Karen K. Stone shared that she follows Weeks online and that she is at the top of her list to follow as Karen never wants to miss what Weeks shares.

At the Quilt Show we welcome Cathy Geier who will have two classes at \$25 and two different lectures, free to attendees. You do not need to bring your sewing machine to Cathy's landscape classes. Both classes are nearly full. You won't want to miss her.

Wrapping up the winter season, we have scheduled Judy Gauthier for three classes in March. Two umbrella classes are scheduled as well as a Friday class from one of her two different scrappy quilt books. More information will follow on these classes, but the umbrella classes are filling.

At the December meeting we will be revealing the 1919-1920 speaker lineup.

Currently we are working on the 1920-1921 speakers, so if there is someone you would like to have considered, please let us know at programs@rgvqg.com. Your feedback is so very important.

Judy Brown, Programs Chair

Small Quilts Needed!

I received 10 last Saturday but We need MORE! Make a small quilt for the silent auction! Any technique! Size can be up to 144 inches around. (36" by 36") Let's fill several bags at the next meeting! Questions? Judy Blum Judy.blum19@gmail.com

Register



Register! Yup, the quilt show chair actually took a floor register to the Nov. guild meeting to encourage folks to "register" for the quilt show and for program classes.

And guess what?? It worked! Twenty-five (25) people have registered their quilts for the quilt show! This is the earliest best number we have had!

Laptops will be available at Guild meetings until Feb. to assist with online registration. Bring your quilt for Show 'N Tell and then register it for the show. Bee keepers will also assist bees with online registration. Just ask!

News from the Quilt Show Board

Miniature Quilts & Small Wall Hangings

Judy Blum is accepting miniature quilts and small wall hangings from now until the January guild meeting. These miniature quilts and small wall hangings will be donated to the guild, to be put up for silent auction at the quilt show. This silent auction helps to raise money for the Rio Grande Quilt Guild's Scholarships and other programs. Last year, the silent auction turned in over \$1,000.



The donated miniature quilts and small wall hangings will be displayed at the January guild meeting. Guild members will vote on their favorite, and prizes are awarded for the three most popular ones (\$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third).

The miniature quilts and small wall hanging must be smaller than 144" when all sides are added together and they must be donated to the Guild. The piece needs a label with the name of quilt, the maker and the year. The quilt doesn't need a sleeve for the show, but it would be courteous to the buyers to provide a sleeve or other method of hanging the quilt.

Please help us beat last year's proceeds, by making and donating miniature quilts and small wall hangings.



Quilter's Walk

Be sure to bring your totes for the Quilter's Walk to the December guild meeting. Here are a few of the totes brought in to the November guild meeting.

The Quilters Walk will feature Themed Totes. Attendees can buy tickets to put in jars in front of the tote they wish to win. At the end of the day, winners will be drawn for each of the totes for that day of the quilt show.



Quilt Show Banners

Guild Members have made small quilts that Rick and Subie Redd will make into banners which several hotels and other businesses on South Padre Island have agreed to hang, to advertise the quilt show.



Quilt Show Classes and Presentations

Cathy Geier will be teaching her "Maples & Aspen" class, during the quilt show. This is a very fun, freeing class, which introduces easy techniques to students wishing to add something special to their landscape quilts. There will be one class on Friday and one class on Saturday, each from 8:30am to 11:30am. There are still a few seats available, you can register at www.rgvqqg.com.

Cathy Geier will also give two presentations during the quilt show. On Friday, Cathy's presentation will be based on her experiences. On Saturday, she will follow with a presentation based on the more technical aspects of her quilts. Each presentation will start at 2:00pm.

How to prepare your quilt for your long-armed.

This will make them happy and might save you money.

I learned so very much from the teachers in Houston this year. I thought I would share some ideas with you. Many of these are simple and I am sure many of you already do them this way. Of course, this is not the only way to get beautiful quilts.

When it comes to borders, many of us struggle to keep them from waving wildly at the long-armed. Try a single stay stitch all around the outside of the top, being careful to not stretch the edge. This stitching is on the top only and less than a quarter of an inch from the edge.

A tip from Sharon Schamber is to starch the fabric before you cut your border. It will eliminate stretching. Personally, I am not a fan of a 45 degree join on a border. You are not eliminating bulk but certainly are adding the possibility of stretching that may cause issues later in the quilt.

Jamie Wallen said he requires ALL of his clients to wash wide backing prior to bringing it to him for quilting.

The manufacturers are putting lots of stabilizing chemicals (20% or more formaldehyde) to make the fabric last longer on the shelves. You will still get the crinkle look if you use cotton batting. You will also eliminate the variable of extreme shrinking I have heard about for wide backings.

Happy quilting, I am happy the Winter Texans are back in the Valley, The Guild meetings are a lot busier now! Hope to see you at the next class or Guild meeting. -- Renee Darkis

RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

We have **339** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 11/18/2018.

We taking online membership dues for 2019. We will also take cash, checks and credit cards (online) at the guild meetings. If you are not sure if you have yet paid your 2019 dues, you can check the Sign-In sheets. The Sign-In sheets and the member directory both have your membership id numbers. The 2019 membership ids start with 190xxx. The membership cards for 2019 are a lovely purple

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 – Nancy Boyer, Linda Cockeram, Dolores Crowley, Pam Davis, Cyndi R Gonzalez, Karen Huston, Deborah Mason, Deborah Palmer, Susan Parks, Sarah Reed, Bev Shaver, Faith Van Dam, Carolyn Williams.

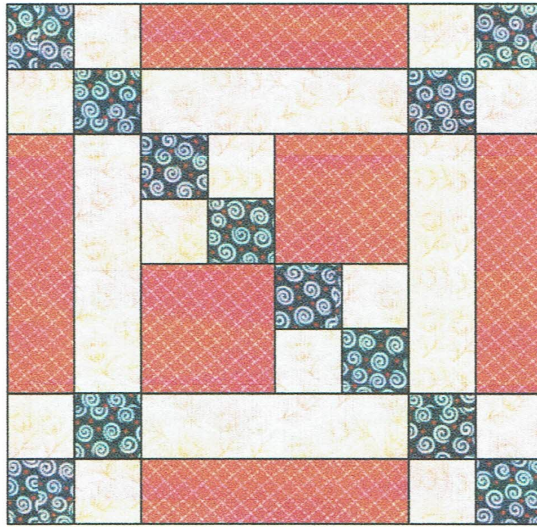
Welcome back returning members – Linda Bluem, Jackie Hood, Doris Priest, Marjorie Wold.

Welcome back renewing members – Sue Arnold, Peggy Barrow, Judie Berger, Judy Blum, Aly Bradley, Beth Braun, Mary Britton, Nancy Brooks, Bonnie Chambers, Susan Coleman, Jo Corey, Sharon Crosswhite, Renee Darkis, Janice Davis, Patti Dybdall, Karen Eck, Nancy Flaherty, Bev Fleming, Florea Flores, Karen Forbes, Val Forsyth, Carolyn Fox, Linda L Gifford, Vicki Guerra, Sandy Gurney, Elaine Hall, Mauderdyne Hambleton, Linda Happ, Karen Hazlett, Ella Hendrix, Lila Hetzler, Jackie Heyes, Dorothea Hubbell, Judi Jaranowski, Ellen Kizzar, Lucy Klaas, Karen Knowlton, Beverly Kramer, Alannah Langlois, Marjorie Lehman, Donna Lovdahl, Carrah Maney, Jan Markham, Marilynne Martin, Darlene Meadows, Patsy Mellen, Carla Mewhinney, Linda Morehead, Marty Morrison, Elaine Muzichuk, Heather Nelson, Jean Nickila, Sonia Orluske, Joyce Osborn, Linda Osborne, Donna Otto, Renee Pageau, Anna Parton, Joy Paugh, Ingrid Pietsch, Dorothy Pomerson, Maggie Putney, Brenna Raemer, Kathleen Raleigh, Katherine Rose, Dawn Sanders, Nancy Schmitz, Patsy Schumacher, Jenny Shull, Sue Signs, Patricia Sonnevil, Judi Swanda, Sharon Swanson, Annette Sweet, Barbara Walker, Debi Warner, Mark Warner, Jean Waufle, Carol White, Priscilla Wodzinski.

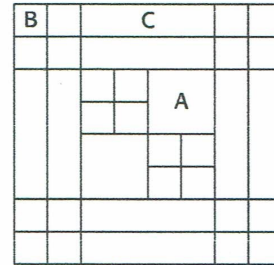
I will not publish address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is available online on the Members Only page. You will need a password to open both the Members Only (same as 2018 directory without the numbers) page and the directory. Your 2019 membership ID cards will have the info needed to access both the Members Only page the online directories on the back of the ID card.

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

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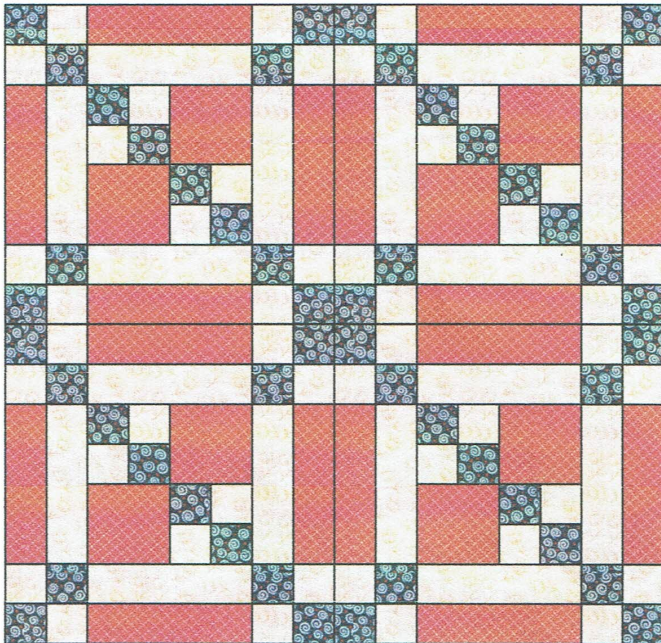


BLOCK OF THE MONTH
 DECEMBER
 2018
 JUNE 8



8" A 2 1/2" B 1 1/2" C 1 1/2" x 4 1/2"

12" A 3 1/2" B 2" C 2" x 6 1/2"



FOUR BLOCKS

NOTES/SWATCHES

Black = Green
 Beige = White
 Red = Red
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 OR:
 4PATCH White & Green
 (A) 2 1/2" square Red
 (C) outside strip Red
 inter strip White

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Please make an eight inch block.

Machine Embroidery Group / Bee



Judy Brown and I have met and discussed some ideas about getting started with a group that would meet once a month to help us all get better at machine embroidery. To start with, we need to find a place to meet and decide what day of the month would work. I have to make some phone calls and all that info will be announced later. Our initial meetings will be spent getting to know each other and what you are interested in. We will be passing out information and sharing some of our hints. Judy has even suggested some demos which I thought would be a great idea. We would like you to bring a flash drive with you to each of the meetings. It makes it a lot easier to share info this way. Eventually, if you want, we can bring our machines and work on projects together.

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- The differences between fiber types and the pros and cons of using each

- The best 'use cases' for each type of batting

- Batting and quilt care tips & tricks

And one lucky winner will win \$50 worth of Hobbs batting!

February brings two speakers to RGVQQ. For our regular meeting, we have scored Weeks Ringle. If you haven't heard of her, please Google her. I have seen her present several times and have learned so much. I plan to attend both of her classes and hope that you will consider them as well. Karen K. Stone shared that she follows Weeks online and that she is at the top of her list to follow as Karen never wants to miss what Weeks shares.

At the Quilt Show we welcome Cathy Geier who will have two classes at \$25 and two different lectures, free to attendees. You do not need to bring your sewing machine to Cathy's landscape classes. Both classes are nearly full. You won't want to miss her.

Wrapping up the winter season, we have scheduled Judy Gauthier for three classes in March. Two umbrella classes are scheduled as well as a Friday class from one of her two different scrappy quilt books. More information will follow on these classes, but the umbrella classes are filling.

At the December meeting we will be revealing the 1919-1920 speaker lineup.

Currently we are working on the 1920-1921 speakers, so if there is someone you would like to have considered, please let us know at programs@rgvqq.com. Your feedback is so very important.

Veteran's Quilt Presentation at Alamo Country Club.

The Alamo Country Club Drama Club presented a salute to the veterans living there on November 12, 2018. Mike Gunter was the emcee of the program and Pam Manley spoke to honor all the service branches. Four quilts were presented, two to veterans that served in World War II. Two others were honored with quilts as well. Many more veterans live at ACC so there are opportunities in the future for more presentations.



The quilts were very much appreciated, both for the recognition of their service and for their beauty.



Bee News



Upper Bee Report: Last night I registered a friend's quilt for the quilt show, so now I am confident to help others. I was asked to do this when visiting Bees this next while. The only thing I need is Wi-fi hook up.

We have been back in the valley for two weeks. All I can say is the weather is as varied here as it is back in SK, but no snow! This season I hope to have contact with a more Bees, sharing ideas, promoting RGVQG especially the Quilt Show on South Padre Island, Feb 15th and 16th. Sew and Sew Bee, Snow to Sun RV park, has been busy this month doing donation quilts. We acquired some panels that make up into baby quilts quickly and also string art quilts that will be donated to Aurora House in time for Christmas. The machines are humming and hands are tying. After a couple of smaller projects, Scandinavian Table runner and Casserole Carrier the larger projects come on board, Log cabin Quilt, Rose Star, Beach Party Quilt, Lovers Knot Placemats and also Friday activity will be Churn Dash Quilt by Pat Speth. The end of February, (25th), Sew and Sew Bee is hosting our second Warriors Quilt Sew Day. Our in park quilt show is Sunday, February 24th. Keeping busy keeps us out of trouble. I can be reached by phone, preferably, 956 647 5805 or email eamuz@icloud.com
Look forward to seeing you around the Valley this season.



Killer Bees: Lots of fun happenings at the group. This week we are having our own Bev Fleming teach us how she does landscapes. We are also starting on our own 2018-2019 Mystery Quilt. If you are looking for a welcoming group, come visit us at 9 am in Retzlaff Hall at Sunshine Country Club in Harlingen.

Row Quilters - The "Row Quilters" meeting on Friday's from 9am to 2pm at Alamo Country Club clubhouse. We had several members returning from up North and also some new members that have recently joined us. So there were several Show-N-Tell and lots of catching up, so several conversations going on at the same time. But we did have a couple of demonstrations, Elaine Hall show us the Fringe Binding and a simple way to join the binding at the end; Dale Schafer had us make Scandinavian stars out of 4 strips of material. There was also talk about the Houston Quilt Show, as there are a few going from our group. We had a great day -- so come join in on the fun !

Sew Be It: We will be have a brief class about raw edge applique using a project suitable for a decorative pillow or the side of a tote bag. Call for a (very short) list of supplies needed in addition to your sewing machine and BSS kit.

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 TOTAL HOURS.....1394
 TOTAL VALUE.....\$10,100.50

Year to date: \$197,621.75

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Dress A Girl Around the World

Our members do so much in so many ways for others.

An assembly line of Tropic Winds residents, including some Guild members, measure, cut, sew to make dresses for small dresses to be sent around the world. Large men's shirts are cut apart with ruffles and colorful pockets added to the front of the dresses.

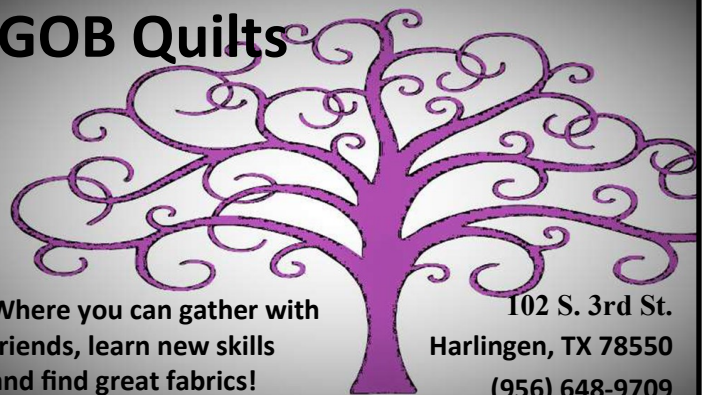
The Dress a Girl Around the World campaign is part of Hope 4 Women International which aims to provide resources to women. Pat Cassidy is very involved in this project and can provide more information at pfcassidy@yahoo.com or 224-305-4457.



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