

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt

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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

Every wondered what effort it takes to have a successful quilt show? If you were able to attend the Rio Grande Quilt Guild Quilt Show on South Padre Island last week – now you know.

I wish to thank each and every one of the volunteers who put forth the effort to support the Guild for another successful quilt show. Many Thanks to those who labored extra time to ensure the quilts were hung and taken down with the direction of Mike Hall. My hat goes off to Mike and Mark Warner plus two special ladies who worked tirelessly ensuring the quilts were set up and taken down. Thanks again to ALL!!!

Are we excited to know all the winners from the Quilt Show? Even though sharing on Facebook is awesome, seeing the excitement on the winner's faces is a plus.

Cathy Geier is an awesome instructor and speaker. There was standing room only for her class and lectures. This is dedication – one student got a last minute phone call to fill a spot in both of Cathy's classes. She drove the 8 hours from Fort Worth, TX to attend both classes and decided to stay over on the island for a few days.

The vendors were well received and the 3 buses that brought quilters from all parts of the valley were a hit. Great idea for future shows, both Friday and Saturday.

Get ready for Judy Gauthier at the March 9th Guild Meeting. We will again have a wealth of knowledge to absorb. Be sure to take good notes for future reference.

REQUEST: The Guild is looking for a group to take on the task for the 2021 Opportunity Quilt. The ticket sales for this quilt will begin one year from now. Please volunteer and let me know ASAP. Thanks.

Another group is requested to take on the task for the 2022 Opportunity Quilt – and those ticket sales will begin sales two years from now. HELP! HELP! HELP! Thanks in advance..

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: March Guild Meeting – March 9th – 9AM sharp.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March 9th Guild Meeting.

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

See Ya There!

Kathe – President@rgvqg.com



Calendar

Guild Meeting:

Saturday Mar 9, 2018,
Alamo Recreational Vehicle Park
(Alamo Rec-Veh), Main Hall
1320 W Frontage Road
Alamo TX 78516

Carpooling is encouraged.

Program: Judy Gauthier
Quilts for Scrap Lovers

Board Meeting:

Monday, Mar 4, 2019
Quilt Show Board, 9:30 am
Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting
School. 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo,
TX 78516

Programs:

Apr: TBD

May: TBD

Community Service January 2019

Total items **244**
Total hours **2489**
Total value **\$18,045.25**



Donated to:

Angry Tia's and Abulas	Renee Pageau	Rainbow Room	Jean Nichlia
Treasure Hills Presbyterian	Killer Bees	Mission Hospital	Casa del Sol
Veterans at Winter Haven Resort	Winter Haven Quilters	Salvation Army	Nathalie Anderson
Ozanam Center	Sharon Swanson	The Care Cottage	
Vannie Cook Center	Sew & Sew	NICU	
St. Baldricks Center	Dawn Sauder		

2018 Year End Community Service Report

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Yearly Totals
Items	2986	1373	726	2696	7781
Hours	16542	4494	4715	10886	36637
Worth	\$120,683.50	\$32,581.50	\$34,256.25	\$64,256.75	\$251,778.00

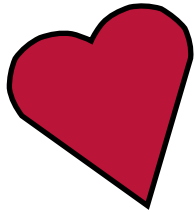


Fun and Camaraderie



Winter Haven's club house was turned into a "sweat shop" for our annual "Baby Blankets for Brownsville" day on January 15. There were work areas for sandwiching the quilts, sewing, pressing, trimming and turning, before the quilts were moved on to be tied. Over 125 volunteers worked that day to finish 417 baby quilts which will be distributed to local hospitals and agencies. Many thanks to our volunteers and those who support our project with donation of fabric and cash.





The Guild received a thank you note received from Retired M/Sgt . Buddy Wrightson expressing his sincere appreciation for the beautiful quilt given to his wife Dorma.



Membership information

The annual dues are only \$25.00 and can be paid on-line, paid at a meeting, or a check (made payable to RGVQG) can be sent to the Guild mailing address. For 2019 we have 297 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. From the January meeting through the February meeting we have 6 New Members, 1 Returning Members (not members in 2018, but were members in prior years) and 14 Renewing Members.

There are still several 2018 members that have NOT renewed. So please pay your yearly dues, or your name will be removed from the sign-in sheets.

The 2019 membership numbers start with 190xxx. The cards for 2019 are a lovely shade of purple. The Membership ID cards will have information on the back of the card needed to access the “Members Only” page and the Directory, which contains email and address information for all members.

Please stop by the Membership Table at the next meeting to get your 2019 Membership ID card.

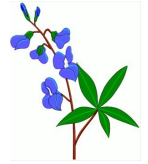
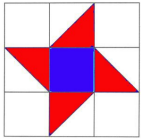
The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is www.rgvqg.com

Please let me know if you need assistance.

Marty Morrison (membership@rgvqg.com) or 816-686-3467

Treasurer's report

December beginning balance	\$5,709.62
Expenditures	\$4,912.13
Deposits	\$2,327.00
Statement ending balance	\$3,001.01



RETREAT

Retreat is just a few weeks away. I hope you are all as excited about retreat as I am.

First, I want to remind everyone about a few things.

Items to bring with you:

Green polo shirt

Extension cord

Duck tape

Emergency medical form...on the website under "RETREAT. If you are using last year's, please make sure it is updated.

The Friendship Star or Bluebonnet log cabin square.

Projects to work on

Sewing machine and BISK

Memorabilia to share

If you signed up for a massage, you pay Annie. She accepts credit cards, checks or cash.

If you forgot to bring a door prize to the guild meeting. Bring it with you.

If plan to shop, do NOT forget your credit card. The shop list will be updated in time for retreat. It is on the website under "Retreat"

There is a pool and hot tub available. Don't be sorry you left your swimsuit back in the Valley.

I will have the 2020 registration forms with me. Don't forget your deposit.

Retreat starts at 3pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm on the day you arrive. There will be a kickoff reception after dinner to get the party started.

There are some special things planned to help us celebrate our 20th Annual Retreat. I'm looking forward to another fantastic retreat where memories and new friendships are made.

If you have any questions or ideas, contact me. Karyn Heaney

Secretary's report

Kathe LeTulle, President, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Judy Brown introduced Weeks Ringle, speaker. Weeks spoke on Transforming Traditions: Modernism and Quilts.

The business meeting was opened at 10:45 a.m.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The January Guild minutes were printed in the newsletter. No changes or corrections. The minutes are filed as printed.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: The checking account ending balance for January is \$5,193.73. The savings account ending balance for January is \$33,135.12.

Membership – Marty Morrison: 295 members, 13 renewed, 4 new members.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: 7 cards have been mailed this past month. Bonnie Cassidy's husband passed away and Casino Richardson's mother passed away.

Community Service – Rick Redd: Ending Value for 2018 was \$251,778.00. January 2019 totals are: Total items – 244, Total hours – 2489, Total Value - \$18,045.25.

Programs – Judy Brown: Cathy Geier will be the instructor/speaker at the RGVQG Quilt Show this coming Friday and Saturday, February 15, 16. For those taking Cathy's morning class, please be there at 8:30am. The March umbrella class requires a pattern and the fabric cut prior to class. The Wednesday umbrella class and the Friday scrappy hexagon class have openings. Judy has finalized the programs through March 2020.

Military Service Quilts – Carla Mewhinney and Renee Darkis: The next sew day and the last one for this season, will be held at Snow to Sun, on Monday, February 25. Friday, February 8, 52 quilts were presented to the Harlingen Veterans Clinic in conjunction with their Veteran Appreciation Day. The coordinator took many of the quilts to shut-ins and nursing homes. Renee and Carla have quilts that need to be quilted, please see them if you can help with the quilting. Karon Jacobson, Donna Lovdahl, Barbara Walker and Mary Briton presented a total of 10 quilts in the month of February. Karon read thank you notes received from recipients. One quilt recipient gave the Guild a check for \$100.00.

School House Classes – Karen Dill: Friday, March 1 is the final school house class for the season. The March class is Mega Bow Tuck Tote taught by Patty Hoerr. The January and February School House Class participants showed their projects. Jan Baethke's Needle Stars and Subie Redd's Transfer, Flip & Sew Placemats.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: The articles are due on the 15th. Diana encouraged each park to submit articles and also inform her of the upcoming 2019 and 2020.

Block of the Month – Subie Redd: February Block of the Month winner is Wanda Carlson. The March Block of the Month is Aunt Eliza's Star. Check the website for the instructions on each month's block.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: The Bluebonnet retreat has one opening. February 21 is the final day for full refund for the Friendship Star retreat. February 28 is the final day for full refund for the Bluebonnet retreat. Things to bring to the retreat: emergency form, quilt block for your retreat, gift for a door prize (can bring to the March meeting), and memorabilia from previous retreats. Need: 4 large cutting mats.

2019 Quilt Show – Debi Warner: Laurie Magee and Debi did a short skit to encourage travelers to the quilt show on Padre Island to use alternate route. Quilters Walk – Linda Haderer/Diana Wolf: The Quilters Walk will be in room 101 near the Ladies Restroom at the Padre Island Convention Center. Linda thanked everyone that contributed to the walk. Llano Grande Quilting Bee was thanked for providing the instructions for handling the tickets for the Quilters Walk. Judy Blum – Silent Auction: Judy could use a few more small quilts. Encouraged members to bring their checkbooks. Monica Myers – Fashion Show: The Fashion Show is Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. both days in the theatre. Bonnie Hall – quilt registration: 328 items have been registered. Bonnie has placed the alternate route map on the website. Karen Hunger – Volunteers: More volunteers are needed. Karen clarified that the volunteer table is the location for the volunteers to check in prior to working each day. Call Karen to sign up.

Fat Quarter Draw – Sandy Gurney and Esther Schmidt.

Door prizes:

Show and Tell

February 19 is the Casa Del Valle Quilt Show. Snow to Sun Quilt Show is Sunday, February 24.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Paugh, Secretary.

21st Annual Bluebonnet Shop Hop

March 28-30, 2019

Extended Shopping Hours

Thurs 9-8, Fri 9-7, Sat 9-7

Grand Prize - 3 days/2 nights for 6 people at Green Valley Getaway

20 prize baskets

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Quilt Walk

We cannot say enough good things about the volunteers for the Quilt Walk. The individuals and Bees provided some fabulous baskets, bags and totes. Our proceeds are directly related to your efforts. We have very imaginative, talented and resourceful members.

The volunteers that staffed the table to sell tickets seemed to have a good time. More importantly, I think they could sell ice cubes to anyone living north of the Arctic circle. Some have already volunteered to help again next year.

Linda Hederer used her talents to set up the baskets, bags and totes into a very attractive display each day. She has a great eye for composition and color.

To all of you, so many thanks!

Programs Update - Judy Brfown, chair

February gave us two speakers, so was a very busy month.

Weeks Ringle provided a different type of class that was more learning related than project oriented and the feedback was very positive, so we will work to repeat this format with some of the speakers in the future. At the meeting Weeks ran out of contact cards, so here is the information:

Website: ModernQuiltStudio.com

Classes on craftsy.com and quilt.com and YouTube

Facebook: www.facebook.com/modernquiltstudio/

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/modquiltstudio/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/modernquiltstudio/

Thank you to Bonnie Hall and Diana Wolf for assistance with hospitality

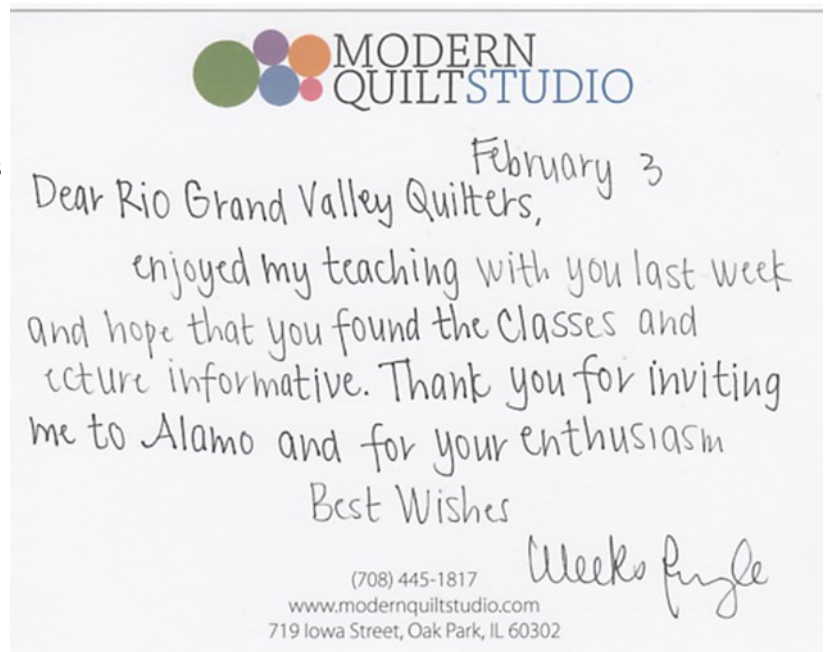
At the Quilt Show the next week we welcomed Cathy Geier for two landscape classes and two lectures. Her quilts were beautiful and we learned a lot from her. For those in the class, please remember to bring your landscapes to the March meeting to share.

Thank you to Pat Skye and Deb and Mark Warner for their hospitality!

Judy Gauthier will be here in March and will be teaching two classes on umbrellas and one on Friday on hex quilts. There are still a few spots available in each class. If you are signed up and have not picked up for the umbrella class, please contact pro-grams@rgvqg.com for alternate options as they do need to be cut out before the class.

We are still looking for local speakers for July and August. If you have suggestions, please advise pro-grams@rgvqg.com.

Specific information on all the programs for the November 2019 - March 2020 meetings will be online soon. Registration will open in May.





Quilt Show 2019

Memorial Day Weekend May 24-26, 2019

Friday and Saturday 9-5, Sun 12-4

Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 TX Hwy 27, Kerrville

Admission \$7 per person, Children under 12 Free



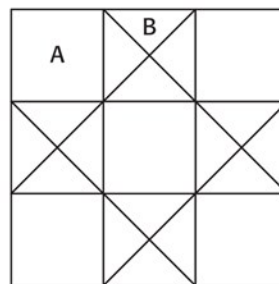
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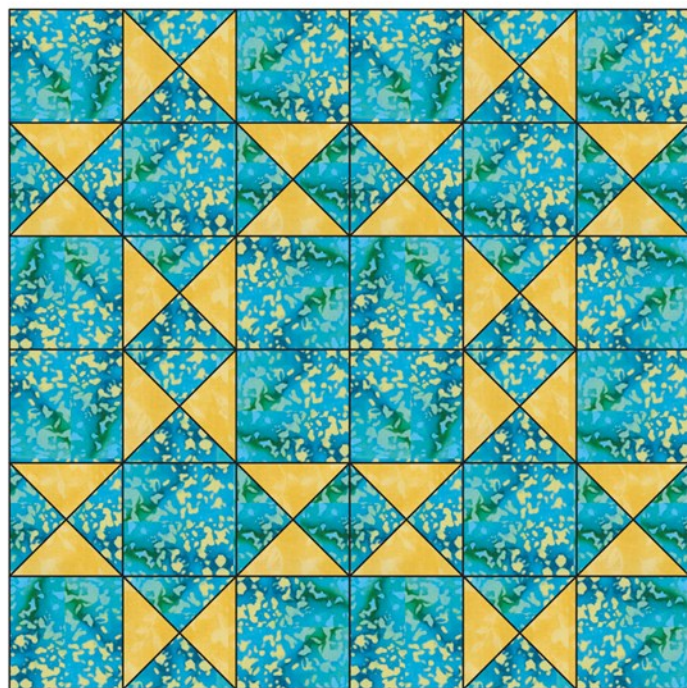
Block of the Month for March Guild Meeting

AUNT ELIZA'S STAR



9" A 3 1/2" B 4 1/4"

12" A 4 1/2" B 5 1/4"



FOUR BLOCKS

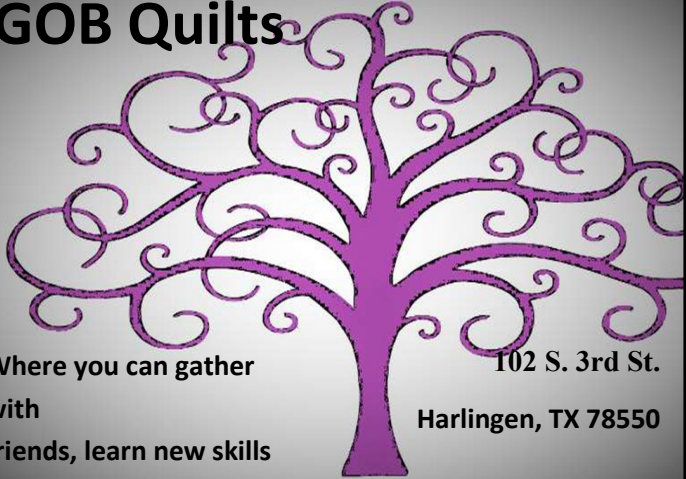
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