

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

Published in May, 2019

PRESIDENT'S THREADS THAT BIND

If you missed the April Guild Meeting, the Lecture by Judy Brown – “Enhancing Quilting Using Computers” was outstanding. I thought I knew my way around the internet locating websites for all my quilting needs and wants. I sure learned more than I ever expected – and thank you Judy for placing information on sewgeek.us for all our members access to your lecture information. I have already ordered from mass-drop.com – and plan to keep exploring this website. Take a peek at the sewgeek.us website – this is for our Guild family to keep in touch with the latest and greatest in the quilting world. You may know of other sites members would find helpful and interesting – OK to post there. Helping one another is part of our Guild mission.

What a grand site to see all the green 20th Retreat Anniversary polo shirts worn by the 2019 retreat attendees. If there is interest in attending the retreats for 2020, be sure to place your name on the waiting list – everyone on the wait list for 2019 had the opportunity to attend.

The nominating committee has formed for December 2019 elections – positions for election are President, Vice President Programs and Secretary. Pam Manley and Judy Brown are heading up the committee. If you have an interest in any of these volunteer positions, please contact them.

Sunshine and Shadows has two members whose husbands are in need of our prayers. Lila Helm and Judy Brown also need our prayers as their caregivers. Our Guild Family is an awesome group and our support is really needed during these trying times in the lives of our members. Blessings!

Maybe I am requesting early – but please begin thinking toward the 2023 Quilt Show as position of QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON. That gives one plenty of time to complete tasks – as theme, design show pin, opportunity quilt committee, shadow current quilt show chairpersons, and show committee chairs. It is never too early!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: May Guild Meeting – May 11th – 9AM sharp - Laurie Magee's lecture – Back In The Day: Vintage quilt trends, colors, and patterns. If you have an antique quilt (pre 1960), please bring it to the meeting as part of the group discussion.

Wishing safe travels and blessed summers to our Guild Family away from the valley - You will be welcomed back next season with open arms. Those of us who will brave the valley heat this summer will be lounging in and around the pool with good cold drinks! Not to mention sewing and quilting during the hottest part of the day! There will be loads of new ideas during show and tell this coming season.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the May 11th Guild Meeting.

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

See Ya There!

Kathe – President@rgvqg.com 956-272-2377

Calendar

Guild Meeting: May 11, 2019

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:

Board Meeting: May 8, 2019

Board Meeting, 1:00 pm

at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting
School. 1623 N Tower Rd,

Alamo, TX 78516

May: Registration for Cynthia
England Pictorial Piecing and
Small Landscape classes opens

Programs:

Jun: Bonnie Hall

Jul: TBD

Aug: TBD

Sep: Friendship Day

Oct: Rummage Sale

Nov: Cynthia England

Dec: Doug Leko

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes, Saturday, April 13, 2019

Kathe LeTulle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Kathe turned the meeting over to Judy Brown. Judy spoke on Enhancing Quilting Using Computers.

10:25 a.m. the business meeting began.

Kathe asked if there were any Sunshine and Shadows. Lila Helms husband is in the hospital.

Kathy Webber has returned to Oklahoma. Kathy supplies our t-shirts and name tags. Those that would like to purchase a name tag, see Kathe LeTulle.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The March minutes were printed in the March newsletter. There were no changes or corrections. The minutes will stand as printed.

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: March ending Bank balance: \$18,080.73. March ending Savings Account balance: \$33,136.19. The April Newsletter and all future newsletters will show the monthly budget. Each quarter the profit and loss statement will be printed with the budget.

Community Service – Rick Redd: March totals: Total Items – 1406, Total Hours – 538, Total Value - \$39,063.00. Any member that donates an item for community service and its value is not being given to another organization, please use the form on the RGVQG Website. The Guild can use those hours and value on our reporting.

May Program – Laurie Magee: - Laurie will be speaking on antique quilts at the May meeting. (Back in the Day: Vintage quilt trends, colors and patterns). Vintage quilts are considered 1965 and older. If you have a quilt that you would like featured, see Laurie.

Programs – Judy Brown: Bonnie Hall will be providing the June program, Quilting Adventures. Judy is still looking for suggestions for the July and August meetings. The November Classes from Cynthia England will be on the website in May. Members can register for the program classes 6 months in advance. Maggie Putney is in charge of the Friendship Day in September.

Meeting Hostess – Karen Hunger: There were 111 attendees today. 6 guests and 3 new members. Karen is the Quilt Show Volunteer Chairperson. Karen stated that she has already signed up volunteers for the 2020 show!

Membership – Marty Morrison: 2 returning members and 3 new members today.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: The 2020 Friendship Retreat will be March 16 – 20. The 2020 Bluebonnet Retreat will be March 22 – 26. The Friendship Retreat has 4 openings. Sign up for either retreat. Sew Little Time in New Braunfels gave away a sewing machine to one of our retreat attendees. Sandy Bagot was the recipient of the Bernina Sewing Machine! Congratulations Sandy!

Library – Susan Coleman: 16 books are overdue. Please return the books prior to leaving the valley. Susan also asked that you use the website to request library books.

School House Classes – Karen Dill – Bonnie Hall: All classes are on line. Each class is \$10.00. If you have a certificate for classes, pay for the class and then submit your certificate for a refund. During the summer months, Sandy Gurney will be overseeing the School House class table when Bonnie Hall is not available.

Webmaster – Bonnie Hall: If you have any questions about the website, please see Bonnie.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: Diana thanked those that have submitted articles for future newsletters. Articles are due by the 15th for the monthly newsletter.

Quilt Show – Marsha Santow: Sarah Reed is wanting suggestions of locations to show the 2020 Opportunity Quilt and sell tickets.

Military Service Quilts – Pam Manley (Lucy Klass): Pam thanked Carla Mewhinney for offering Hidden Valley Ranch for the June 12th Military Sew Day beginning at 9 a.m. The information will be in the newsletter.

Fat Quarter Draw – Sandy Gurney / Esther Schmidt:

Block of the Month – Subie Redd: See the newsletter for the information on the May Block of the month as well as the website. Karen Knowlton was the March winner and she showed her completed project today.

Karen was given a \$25.00 certificate for Guild classes. The winner of the April blocks was Laurie Magee.

Other business:

Marjorie Layman is requesting information on person(s) that repairs antique quilts.

Mike Hall is looking for any outstanding keys to the storage on Padre Island. Mike is changing the locks.

A question was raised about the Guilds taxes being filed. Kathe said the taxes have been done and will be given to the accountant this month.

A question was raised about the status of moving the monthly Guild meetings. Kathe said in 2 weeks the corrected contract will be available. The Guild needs to give 60 days' notice to Alamo Rec-Veh. The new location is centrally located.

Judy Brown was asked by a Brownsville Civil War Re-enactment group to sew on buttons on their uniforms. Kathe LeTulle sewed the buttons on. The Guild received a thank you letter which will be in the Secretary book. Also, we received a thank you letter from Mary Jones of Ft Worth Texas. She attended and was able to be in Cathy Geier's class. She commented that she was warmly welcomed by our Guild and is looking forward to attending the show in 2020.

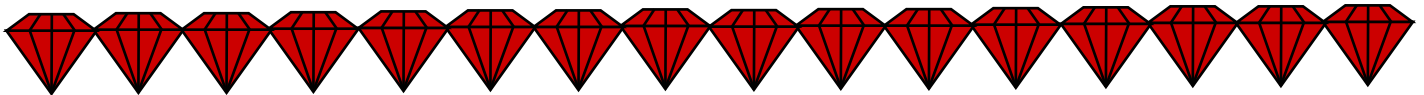
Show and Tell:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Paugh, Secretary.

Sunshine and Shadows

Please keep Judy Brown and her husband, and Lila Helms and her husband in your thoughts and prayers. Both couples are in challenging medical circumstances.



What's in a Quilt Show History?

- AQS -- Founded April 1985, Paducah, Kentucky
- Sisters Oregon - Celebrating 44th July 2019
- Vermont - "New England's Oldest and Largest" - 43rd June 2019

We certainly think our Quilt Show history means something because we keep track of how old we are!

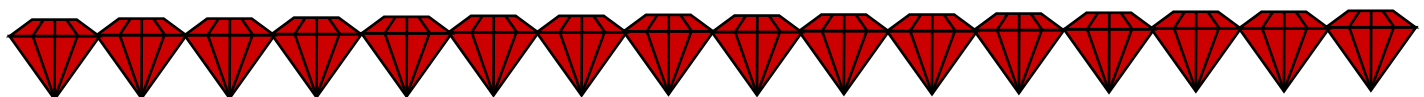
The Rio Grande Valley will be celebrating its 40th year in 2022,

our Ruby Anniversary. Lots of ideas are being mentioned for celebrating. But we need your help! We need to begin now to collect items about the history of our quilt shows. I have a list of our show chairs back to 2002, but that's only 20 years. The list doesn't necessarily include the themes.

Somehow, I volunteered to begin working on our quilt show history, but I sure need your help! Please send me photos, stories, and details. If you have something and can't scan it, please at least let me know that it exists.

How many shows have you entered? What memories do you have?

Debi Warner, 4117 N. Minnesota St., Harlingen, TX 78550, Debi.warner1129@att.net



Treasurer's report March 2019

March 1 beginning balance	3,562.99
Income	15,851.46
Expenses	1,333.72
March 31 Ending balance	\$ 18,080.73

Note: The Quilt Show Board presented a check in March to the Guild for \$15,000.00.

RGV QUILT GUILD 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET

	BUDGET	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
INCOME						
Donations	\$220.00					
Fat Quarter Drawing	\$1000.00	\$593.00				
Guests & Fines	\$200.00	\$160.00				
Membership	\$7725.00	\$1974.05				
Military Service Quilts (MSQ)	\$100.00	\$100.00				
Miscellaneous Income		\$10.68				
Newsletter Advertising	\$600.00	\$340.00				
Other Income	\$70.00					
Programs - Subtract Refunds	\$7335.00	\$2240.16				
Quilt Show	\$14000.00	\$15000.00				
School House - Subtract Refunds	\$2000.00	\$170.00				
Savings Account Interest		\$1.07				
TOTALS	\$33250.00	\$20588.96				

EXPENSES						
Bank Service Charge	\$56.00					
Bee Keeper (Upper & Lower Valley)	\$300.00					
Community Service	\$300.00					
Fat Quarter Drawing	\$1000.00	\$268.61				
Friendship Day	\$300.00					
Gift Certificates	\$300.00					
Guests & Fines	\$25.00					
Liability Insurance	\$1586.00	\$437.00				
Library	\$300.00	\$17.46				
Membership	\$100.00	\$82.85				
Memorial Flowers	\$70.00					
Military Service Quilts	\$750.00					
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$31.12				
PayPal Fees	\$1000.00	\$7.15				
Printing	\$100.00					
President - Door Prizes, Departing Officers	\$400.00					
Programs	\$12300.00	\$4991.42				
Publicity	\$200.00					
QuickBooks Program	\$307.00	\$76.74				
Rentals - Board Meetings	\$600.00	\$150.00				
Rentals - Guild Meetings	\$3600.00	\$900.00				
Rentals - Storage Unit - MSQ	\$806.00					
Rentals - Storage Unit - Guild	\$806.00					
Rentals - Post Office Box	\$134.00	\$134.00				
Rentals - Program Classes	\$375.00	\$250.00				
Rentals - School House Classes	\$375.00	\$150.00				
Scholarships - 2 Officers & Show Chair	\$1800.00					
Scholarships - College	\$4130.00					
School House	\$850.00	\$510.00				
Sunshine & Shadows	\$50.00					
Web Service	\$80.00	\$162.89				
Youth Education	\$50.00					
TOTALS	\$33250.00	\$8169.24				

Book it! Reviewing *Lovely Landscape Quilts* (2014) By Cathy Geier

Cathy starts with book with a tribute to 8 other artists in chapter one – a most unique way to start a book!

If you heard Cathy's lectures at the Quilt Show and would love a refresher on the quilts, you can see them here along with information on how they were made. Cathy covers all her techniques, pieced and non-pieced. She shows string piecing and compares glue, fusible, and tear-away interfacing. She highlights with coloring light and shadows

She also covers skies, water, and mountains. Cathy closes the book with step-by-step instructions for more than a dozen projects. The included patterns contain 3 sheets of leaves, branches, mountains, flowers, etc. Cathy's copyright does give permission to create the projects and sell them at fairs, bazaars, and craft shows.



Here are some online sources for used (and sometimes new) books.

www.thriftbooks.com, www.abebooks.com, www.half.com, Amazon books, eBay

This is just for your information. The Guild does not endorse or recommend any of these sources. Read descriptions of the books and payment methods carefully. If a site has feedback on a seller, look at it. Use your own best judgement.

You may be aware of other resources. Consider sharing the websites you like to use.

Diana Wolf, Newsletter editor

Call for quilts, pre 1960 for May meeting

If you have a vintage (prior to 1960) quilt, you can bring them to the May Guild meeting to be included as part of the program. It's a rare opportunity for you to learn more about the history of the fabric and patterns used. You can share why this quilt (or quilts) is important to your family.

We can all learn from each other as we share our rich traditions.



ONCE UPON A TIME

**Reading your favorite book was like
dreaming with your eyes open!**

**Welcome to the 2020
RGVQG CHALLENGE!**

PICTURE THIS- Make a story quilt/wall hanging to depict your favorite book. It can also be a favorite children's book that you read to your children or grandchildren.

Your entry must be free of any text or images protected by copyright.

Maximum size to be less than a total perimeter of 200 inches.

Must be registered for the 2020 Quilt Show and in the description please state the title of the book and the author.

Now for the CHALLENGE- Your inspiration must have **THREE** different Quilting Techniques (Think hand pieced, machine pieced, applique, paper piecing, wool, curves, embroidery, embellishments, fabric folding, etc.)

Have Fun and enjoy your creativity!

"Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations."

Henry David Thoreau

Schoolhouse classes 2019 - 2020

One of the best values in the Guild.

\$10 for 5 hours of fun and time for lunch with your friends.

See the Guild webpage for more specific information about techniques taught in these classes, or what the finished project will be. We have some very talented members willing to share their knowledge. The supplies list is also on the Guild web page.

These classes are open for sign up now.

Miniature Landscape / Seascape taught by Vicki Guerra, Friday, November 15, 2019, 9 am to 3 pm

Rose Star by Marcy Baker taught by Elaine Muzichuk, Friday, December 20, 2019, 9 am to 3 pm

Cosmos Bag by Studio Kay Design taught by Lila Helm, Friday, January 17, 2020, 9 am to 3 pm

New Methods for Your Madness taught by Renee Darkis, Friday, February 21, 2020, 9 am to 3 pm

Impressionistic Painting with Fabric taught by Karen Dill, Friday, March 6, 2020, 9 am to 3 pm

All [schoolhouse](#) classes are open for sign up. You can pay for your class online with any credit card, PayPal or PayPal credit. If you aren't able to sign up online, please call Bonnie Hall, 740-398-1629. Bonnie can sign you up. You will need a credit card. We do not save or keep any credit card info.

Karen Dill & Bonnie Hall

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.

We have 317 Members in 2019. Welcome to the New/Renewing members since the Feb/March meeting:

New Members: Pat Chelmo, Jeanne Frauenkron, Maria Teresa Kornegay, Robin Lillard, Lynn Martin, Karen Pastor, Barbara Sekach, Imelda Silva, Kristina Stills smoking, Susan Swidryk, Phyllis Villarreal.

Renewing Members: Edna Butler, Peggy Fleming, Gloria Garcia, Ellie Gardhouse, Nyla Gordon, Marilyn Hensz, Pam Manley, Cathy Mott, Anne Renkly, Joan Taylor, Charlyn Trussell.

Be sure to stop by the Membership Table to pick-up your 2019 Membership ID cards, as there are still several cards to be distributed.

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.

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

Opportunity Quilt and Ticket Sales

Ladies and gentlemen we are off to a great start with the ticket sales. Thank you so much to those of you who have picked up your tickets and those who have already returned them. If you would like more books please contact me at the Saturday meeting or by email/phone and I can get more to you.

Please remember as a member it is requested that you sell at least 4 books/\$20 worth of tickets. They sell 6 for \$5 or \$1 a piece. It only takes 1 ticket to win. If you haven't pickup your tickets yet, there is still time.

Ticket sales generate a substantial part of our budget which helps all of us enjoy the wonderful speakers we host, fund our meeting locations and help with the Quilt show.

So far, 24 people have turned in tickets and 104 books/624 tickets have been sold, raising \$520 so far for the Guild.

I appreciate all of you and our wonderful Guild we have that keeps all of our activities going.

Pictured below is the Quilt which is 108 x 108 inches and the quilted tote that are part of the drawing.

Special thanks for the design and care in all the piecing and quilting to:

Carla Mewhinney, Sue Arnold, Nancy Flaherty, Lila Helm, Karen Eck and Renee Darkis. These the beautiful items were made by them for the Opportunity drawing.

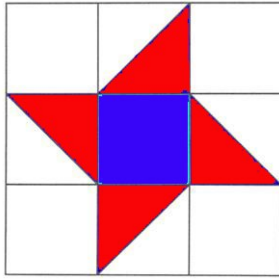
Have a blessed day,

Sarah Reed

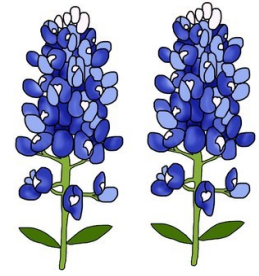
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Retreat



First, a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who went to the Friendship Star or the Bluebonnet Friends Retreat. Your generosity overwhelms me. I feel honored to call all of you friend. You are the greatest and each of you make retreat so special to me. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I must say that these two past retreats in March were very SPECIAL. We had so much fun and had lots of laughs. Some even got some sewing done! We added to the memories of all the past retreats. To all the new retreaters, a big welcome to our Sisterhood. You all fit right in and helped to make retreat memorable.

There were lots of pictures taken. I've ordered the photos and will put them in scrapbooks. Will bring to Guild when they are finished. It may not be until fall - this looks like a summer job.

I'm still waiting to hear from a few from the Friendship Star Retreat. The Bluebonnet Friends Retreat is full at this time. A wait list is available for both retreats. Last year, I had 37 names on the wait list. I went thru the entire list!. Do not let the number of names on the lists stop you from signing up. Retreat is a real bonding experience

For all who are leaving us for the summer, safe travels. We look forward to seeing you again when you return "home" to the Valley next fall.

Until next time, Karyn Heaney

We Have a Winner!

Last month many of the attendees from the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild retreat **visited our store when they were in New Braunfels!** While at our store, members submitted their contact information for a chance to win a **BERNETTE** Sew&Go machine! And the winner is.....

Sandy Bagot, from Edinburg, Texas!

Congratulations, Sandy! We hope the machine will give you pleasure for years to come!



Sew Little Time

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT March 2019

TOTAL ITEMS.....1406
TOTAL HOURS..... 5388
TOTAL VALUE.....\$39,063.00



Donated to:

Women's NCIU
Doctor's NCIU
Lee Elementary
Waterford Gardens
McAllen Respite
Rainbpw Room
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"PAWS" Center
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Glenda Davis
Janice Teppo
Sew & Sew Bee
Casa Del Sol
Sand Peeps
Millie Peach
Military Service Project

Quilting Block Class, Volunteer Instructor: Florea Flores

Howdy!

A quilt will warm your body and comfort your soul!

The Quilting Block Class begun on April 12th, 2019. We had 10 youth registered for the class with the help of six Master Clothing Volunteers. These classes will be held on the second (2nd) Friday of each month at the AgriLife Extension Office, located at 410 N. 13th Ave., Edinburg TX 78541.

The youth were given fabric, thank you to those that have donated to the youth class. The youth were able to make two different Quilt Blocks.

For this month, I would like to introduce you to one of the participants, Tzuriel Alvarez.



Meet Tzuriel Alvarez. He is ten years on! His birthday was on April 4th. He began sewing since September 2018. Tzuriel Alvarez is a home school student. He enjoys swimming and playing flag football. He wants to invent different gadgets when he "grows up." He wants to learn how to sew because he would like to make his own Halloween costume.

In this picture, you will see he completed a block. Congratulations Tzuriel!

If you are interested in AgriLife Extension Programs, please contact Joanne Ureste, Family & Community Health County Agent at 956-383-1026 or Joanne.Ureste@ag.tamu.edu

We are on the website! Go to rgvqq.com. Then go to **members only** (last option). Enter the members only password that is on the back of your 2019 membership card. Scroll down until you see **Block of the Month**, click here, then click on the meeting month or you can use the info provided here.

Quilter's Block-a-Day Calendar by



Debbie Kratovil

March 2 – Album

12" Finished

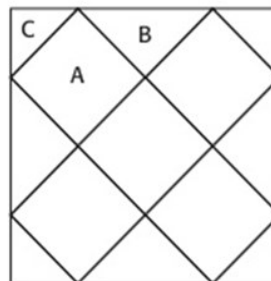
Block A – Four Floral & Center Solid

Block B & C – White/cream/beige

Please measure, **unfinished** block should be **12 ½"**

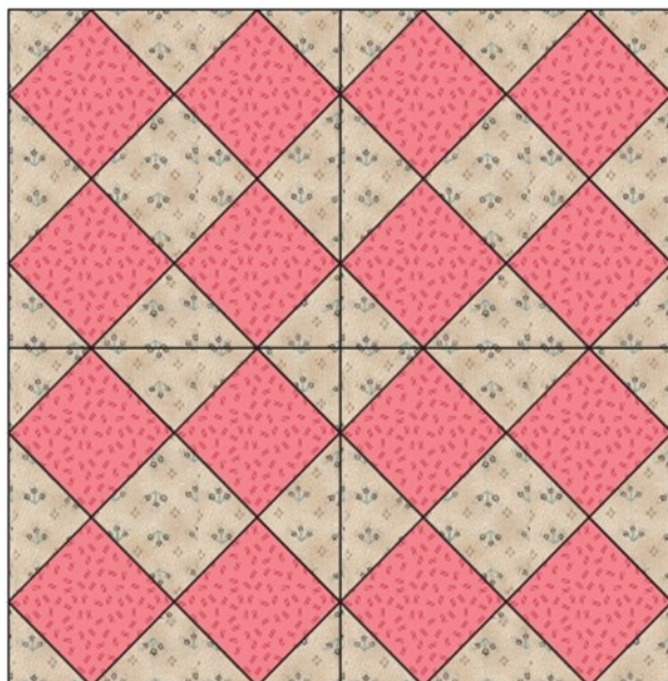
Bring to the May 11th Meeting

ALBUM BLOCK



6" A 2⁵/₈" B 4¹/₄" C 2³/₈"

12" A 4³/₄" B 7¹/₄" C 3⁷/₈"



FOUR BLOCKS

NOTES/SWATCHES

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 Kathè Letulle - Owner

Call for an appointment

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For more information

For more information about the things mentioned in the newsletter, look on our web page, rgvqg.com or

Policy for article submission.

MS Word or other text document format is vastly preferred over pdf. **Please** Include a "headline" or Header for your article. I will not spell check or grammar check your articles. Pictures, graphics including clip art should be in .jpeg, .jpg, pub, .gif, .png or .bmp. If you have questions, please contact me. Diana Wolf, Editor

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