



RGVQG News

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President’s Threads That Bind

Happy New Year and Welcome to a New Decade!

For ole timers and new comers to quilting – there is always a new technique or trick to be learned. I found that out first hand during the program classes this past Thursday and Friday with Karen Combs – our illustrious national educator. Believe me – these classes were awesome! If you did not participate – you missed first hand being guided through the process, could ask a question and actually get an answer. The presentation at the Guild Meeting on Saturday – WOW!!! One only received a quarter of the technique and instruction achieved in class. Karen is an exceptional educator and speaker. We wish her well teaching on the New Zealand Quilt Cruise for the next few weeks. Many of us wish we could be there with the group.

The quilt show is near and there are areas of the show that needs every member’s assistance - making items to be sold at the Bargain Barn and Auctioned, as well as Volunteers for the show to succeed. REMEMBER – all revenue from the quilt show will pave the way for member teachers and speakers, program guests, military service quilts, and Community Service plus I could go on and on!!! Support the Instructors at the show as well as the vendors. This is your Guild! Stay Involved and Connected.

Please read the minutes of the meeting to stay connected to the goings on at the meeting and Guild information.

Have you REGISTERED YOUR QUILT OR QUILTS FOR THE QUILT SHOW???? HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE QUILT SHOW???? Support your Guild!

At the February Meeting, voting for the small quilts and challenge quilts will be held. THEN THE NEXT WEEK IS THE QUILT SHOW! This season has surely flown by.

There are vacancies for the 2nd Vice President – Community Service and Historian Committee Chair for 2020 only. If interested, please send an email or text to president@rgvqq.com or 956-272-2377. Any member may submit another members name for this volunteer position, but please have their permission. Thanks Bunches.

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Mark your Calendar - Guild Meeting Saturday February 8, 2020.

See Ya There! Safe Travels! **ALL Members – ALWAYS Check the website for class and meeting locations.**

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

Blessings

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

Membership Information

The annual dues are only \$30.00 and can be paid on-line, paid at a meeting (cash or check), or a check can be sent to the Guild mailing address. (Checks now should be made payable to Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild).

It's time for the 2020 Membership drive -- To join or renew your membership, the easiest way is to go to www.rgvqg.com/membership.html and pay online. The 2020 membership numbers start with 200xxx. The cards for 2020 are a Blue Jade Marble. 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.

According to the RGVQG Bylaws (Article 2.04), your yearly dues needs to be paid by January 31, 2020. So, if your name is **NOT** on the February sign-in sheets, you need to **pay your dues!** And "Thanks" for those who have paid their yearly dues.

Now for 2020 we have 268, with 63 members renewing their membership and we welcome the following **14 New Members** since the last Newsletter:

- Carolyn Alevon
- Doreen Auger
- Debra Cantu
- Melinda Goodman
- Glenna Gray
- Becky Hanshaw
- Judith Harrison
- Janet Lockwood
- Margaret Lopez
- Kathy Mennen
- Michelle Patmon
- Arlene Reardon
- Michael Stillsmoking
- Renie Stinson

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

Calendar

Guild Meeting

February 8, 2020, 9:00 am - 12

Trophy Gardens RV Resort
800 TX-495
Alamo, TX 78516

Program

Member voting on Challenges
and Silent Auction

Board Meetings

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Show Board 9:30 am - noon
Guild Board 1:00 pm - 3 pm
Trophy Gardens RV Resort

Sew Days

Bargain Barn Sew Day

Retzlaff Hall, Sunshine Country
Club Estates
1957 Michigan Dr., Harlingen
January 22, 2020
Lunch is provided
Patterns and supplies provided

Military Sew Day

Trophy Gardens RV Resort
Lunch Provided
January 27, 2020 - 9 am - 3 pm

Schoolhouse Class

February 7, 2020, 9 am - 3 pm

Renee Darkis
New Methods for your Madness
Trophy Gardens RV Resort



Important Dates to Remember for the Quilt Show

Quilt Registration Deadline

All items must be registered by midnight
January 25, 2020

Voting on Small Quilts and Challenge Quilts

At February Guild Meeting
February 08, 2020

Drop Off of Quilts and Other Quilted Items

Trophy Gardens RV Resort, Alamo 9 am – 11 am
February 11, 2020

First United Methodist Church, Port Isabel
1 pm – 3 pm
February 12, 2020

Quilt Show

Friday 9 am – 4 pm February 14, 2020
Saturday 9 am – 4 pm February 15, 2020

Pick-Up Quilts and Other Quilted Items

Trophy Gardens RV Resort, Alamo 2 pm – 4 pm
February 17, 2020

First United Methodist Church, Port Isabel
10 am – 12 pm
February 17, 2020

Boutique/Bargain Barn

The Quilt Show Boutique is now going to be known as the Bargain Barn. This change was made to try to draw more people in for the great bargains!

There will be a Sew Day January 22, 2020 (Wed), at Retzlaff Hall, Sunshine Country Club Estates, in Harlingen. This Sew Day will be to make more items for the Bargain Barn. Lunch will be served, and teachers, patterns and supplies provided. A lesson on hanging sleeves will be taught.

If you have items to donate to the Bargain Barn you can bring them to the Sew Day or give them to Deb Warner at the February Guild Meeting. Deb is even looking for any baby quilts, lap quilts, or others which you might be looking for a new home.

Quilt Show Classes & Lectures

Classes

Renee Iannarelli will be sharing her love of color theory, design processes, surface design, and fine piecing she has learned over the last forty years of quilting

Friday February 14th - 8:30 am – 11:30 am - Expanded 4-Patch - Renee will teach you to transform 4 simple four-patch blocks into a modernized finished block focusing on lines, color and contrast. The created multiple expanded four patch blocks are set together to create an abstract/modern piece with ample space for hand or machine quilting.

Saturday February 15th - 8:30 am – 11:30 am – Rhythm - Traditional repeated blocks often offer little movement a sequence horizontally and vertically when placed together in a quilt. This class presents the opportunity to create small blocks that when placed together create movement across the surface.

This movement is created through the incorporation of a striped strata into a simple 5-inch (or any size) block, and no two blocks need to be the exact same!

Each of these classes is only \$30.00 and space is still available. You can sign-up on the website at rgvqg.com.

Access website [Class Registration form here](#)

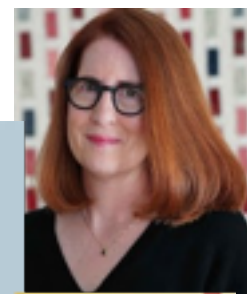
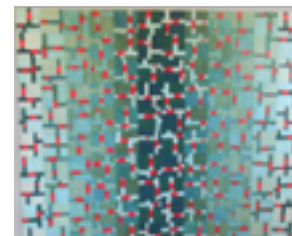
Lectures

Teresa Duryea Wong is a lifelong writer and communicator. She began her career as a journalist, and later published a fine art magazine. Teresa loves to travel, research, write, and bring quilt stories to life through her books and presentations.

Teresa will do two presentations, one on Friday and one on Saturday, at 2:00 each day. The lectures are included in your Quilt Show admission.

Friday February 14th - 2:00 pm - “American Cotton: Farm to Quilt” Lecture

Saturday February 15th - 2:00 pm - “Japanese Quilts” Lecture and Trunk Show



Professional Appraisal Services

Spaces Still Available

How Much is Your Quilt Worth? You May Be Surprised!

People often think antique quilts are highly valuable, while something made recently is not worth much. The truth is not so simple. A newly made quilt is often worth substantially more than most people realize. If you suffered a disaster and lost your quilt, your insurance company would generally only provide the cost of fabric (if you can document it). With an appraisal, you would often receive full replacement value. Appraisals are also useful for donating items, for settlement of estates, and for shipping. You will also need one if you are planning to enter a quilt in a large show. In addition to establishing value, a professional quilt appraiser can provide information you may not know about your quilt. This is particularly true for vintage or antique pieces. Appraisers can date your textiles and provide recommendations for future care.



Allison Rainboth
is a Certified Quilt Judge
as well as an Appraiser

Professional appraiser Allison Rainboth will be on hand at the show to offer appraisal services by appointment. She will be offering two kinds of services: 1. Verbal assessment, \$25.00. Verbal assessments are very useful for older family pieces when you may not know the history or care requirements of your piece. Allison does not offer verbal assessments for contemporary pieces, and a verbal assessment does not include a fair market valuation. Use this assessment to find out about the mystery quilt left to you by your relative! 2. Written assessment, \$50.00. This form of appraisal will involve the collection of specific data about your piece of any age. Allison will document the details of the quilt and will research the market to set values. The written appraisal will be mailed to you after the show. It is valid for submission to your insurance company to obtain coverage.

Please check the RGVQG show page to sign up and pay the fees. There is also a preliminary information form to complete to assist Allison to stay on schedule. If you are interested in an appraisal but are not comfortable signing up on-line, I will provide an opportunity to sign up at the upcoming Guild meetings or contact me (Laurie Magee) at 920-685-6470 or lamlib47@gmail.com

Growth Opportunity

This year we are offering the opportunity to have a certified quilt show judge give you a critique of your work. This is your chance to have your work looked at by someone who has extensive training. These pointers will help you improve your work and move to the next level as well as indicate the areas where you are already successful. If you have thought about entering a large judged show, they may require that you have been already in a judged show. This will be a low stress way to achieve this. The completed critique form is for your eyes only. The fee is \$5 added to your registration and Allison will share half of the fee with the Guild.

Access website [Appraisal form here](#)

Volunteer Needs

Hello! from Joy Paugh, the Volunteer Chairman/Co-Ordinator for the 2020 RGVQG Quilt Show being held February 14 and 15 at Padre Island Convention Center. The Sign Up for Volunteers is going extremely well. Thank you to those who have signed up on-line as well as those who have signed up at the Guild meeting Saturday.

As of this writing, we have approximately 80 slots to fill! Many of these volunteer opportunities are on Saturday. I am looking forward to each of you volunteering at the show. REMEMBER, a 2-hour shift gains you free admission into the show for that particular work day. Volunteer both days and you receive free admission each day. What a deal! Many positions are sit-down positions. For those of you that like to be up walking – consider picking up and sorting of Ballots or helping out in the Boutique. Register early to receive the position you are most interested in.

A table will be set up at the February Guild meeting to assist you in registering to volunteer. Be thinking of one of these opportunities: Admissions, Ballots and Ribbons, Boutique, Challenge, Community Service and Military Service Quilts, Opportunity Quilt, Silent Auction, Totes, Bags, and More, and the Volunteer Desk.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to give me a phone call, text or email!

Access website [Volunteer form here](#)

Opportunity Quilt

Hello ladies and gentlemen,

We had several people turn in their tickets at the January meeting. I want to thank everyone who has participated so far and those that have sold extra. We are doing very well and as of December we have sold \$3199 worth of tickets.

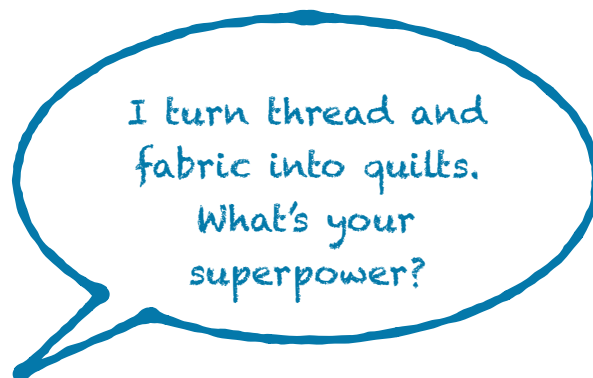
We had two groups display and sell tickets at their craft shows, Hidden Valley Ranch and Snow to Sun. They did very well and we are grateful for their wonderful sales.

We will be at South Padre Island Market Days January 24th-26th. We still have several volunteer opportunities available.

Please come out and visit us at the Harlingen Fiesta Days on January 20th. We will have the quilt displayed and will be selling tickets.

Reminder to pick up your show pin and tickets for the drawing at the February meeting. The drawing will be at the March meeting for the two \$75 gift cards to GOB.

Thank you all for working so hard at selling tickets,
Sarah Reed
Opportunityquilt@rgvqg.com
936-933-6965



Totes, Bags, & More

What is it?

An opportunity to win a new, handmade Tote, Bag, Purse, or container filled with surprises.



Create and Donate!

Each creation needs to show off our talents – something you'd like to have yourself!

Ideas:

Quilters gift bag or tote filled with material (30s, Civil War or other), notions, gift cards. Purses with special items or a travel theme. A wine or cooking tote filled with things you might need with wine or cooking. Solicit restaurants for gift cards, quilts shops, etc. Any theme that will spark interest! Created by one person, several people, or even a bee!

The surprises are guaranteed to produce happy winners and will benefit the Guild with the proceeds, so get your talents and creative juices going! The sky is the limit!!!

If you have any question, please contact Linda Haderer 956-425-4362. We will be collecting bags at the February meeting.

December 2019 Treasurer's Report

Checking Account

Dec 1 Beginning Balance	\$8,461.70
Expenditures	\$1,951.64
Income	\$3,255.72
Ending Balance	\$9,765.78

Savings Account

Dec 31st Balance	\$33,145.59
Retreat	\$3,000.00

Youth Sew Quilters

We have had our first Quilt Class with the homeschoolers.

I was given a very large box of 4 inch squares by the Sand Piper Quilters, so out on the table they went. Each sewer had to design four 9-patch blocks, and design they did.



They helped each other, swapped squares, then took them back. A grand time was had by all. Lots of laughter and when all was said and done they had designed their first quilt.

Now we will start sewing them together. Thank You for all your support, it is really nice that they can do this and learn and have fun at the same time.

Subie Redd
Sewing Instruction Volunteer

You know
you're a
quilter when
the only
scraps under
your dining
room table
are fabric.

Bee News



Winter Haven Border Quilters

The Winter Haven Border Quilters presented 10 military veterans with red, white and blue quilts at their park's annual November 11 lunch. The ceremony also included music, a flag folding demo and the "Empty Table".

Plans are underway now to prepare for the annual "Baby Blankets for Brownsville" Day. More than 100 ladies from the park will work sandwiching, sewing, trimming, turning, pressing and tying baby quilts. Last year over 450 baby quilts were distributed to local agencies and hospitals. Many of our members have been working on a 2 color mystery quilt Construction stressed accuracy in cutting, pressing and piecing. Later this season we will be doing some flower pounding, One Block Wonder panel quilts, tuffets, purses and landscape quilts. Our annual quilt show will be on Saturday, March 7 from 8:00 am - noon.

Honey Bees Quilting Group

Honey Bees have been busy with charity projects and regular meetings. Our Community Service Committee delivered 125 adult bibs (aka clothing protectors) to various assisted living, adult day care and nursing homes in the area. Maggie's House received 54 pillowcases right before Christmas. Maggie's House also received 8 children's quilts for Christmas.

We have been busy making items for the "Bargain Barn" and more adult bibs. We had a wonderful turnout for our Christmas party at Cortinos. We also had an all-day sew-in learning the "Rose Star" with Elaine Muzichuk as our instructor and have also been busy bees gathering items for our "Bee" themed basket for the quilt show.

The Sew and Sew Quilt Bee

The Sew and Sew Quilt Bee is hosting a Military Sew Day Wednesday, January 15th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch is provided. We hope you will be able to join us at Snow to Sun RV Park, 1701 N International Blvd., Weslaco.

The Sew and Sew Quilt Bee is having their Quilt and Art Show Sunday, March 8th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We hope you will be able to join us at Snow to Sun RV Park, 1701 N International Blvd., Weslaco.

Killer Bees News

The Killer Bees have been very busy. We had our retreat in December and had 18 in attendance. We've held several classes including: Jelly Roll Rug, Fleece Poncho, Sew and Flip – quilt as you go, English Paper Piecing and Christmas Ornaments. All the ornaments were displayed on the tree at the host recreation center. We have also donated hundreds of items to the Family Crisis Center. Items including quilts, clothes, toiletries, and household goods were among many other items. We held a food drive and sent dozens of food items as well.

We have several classes coming up and we invite you all to our meetings. We have a really wonderful group and also have a wonderful show and tell.

We meet at 9:00 a.m. every Thursday at Sunshine Country Club Estates in Harlingen. For questions or directions, you can email Jan Baethke or Diane Tewell.

Programs

Summer Programs

We are looking for volunteers to do a program at the Guild meetings during the summer (May - October).

If you have something you think the rest of the members will be interested in, please contact me. Or if you see something at one of your Bee meetings that you might think would make a good program, please contact me.

I know we have a lot of talent in this Guild, so if you're going to be here this summer, please think about what you can share.

Laural Powell
 Programs Chair
programs@rgvqg.com

Members' Rummage Sale & Friendship Day

The Board has voted to move the Members' Rummage Sale to April, and the Friendship Day to December, for this year. This was done in an effort to align these two events to a time when more of our members can participate.

As with all of the Guild's events, these two events can only take place if we have members volunteer to help. We are looking for someone to volunteer to chair the Members' Rummage Sale. Also, someone to volunteer to chair the Friendship Day. If you're interested or would like more information on what is involved, please contact me.

Laural Powell

Community Service Report

2019	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Items	2,291	3,066	703	2,664	8,724
Hours	10,059	9,793	1,418	11,502	32,772
Worth	\$66,663.75	\$70,999.25	\$10,280.50	\$91,074.50	\$239,018.00

December Donations

Donated to:

Children's Hospital
 RainBow Room
 Maggie's House
 Repeat Performers
 New York Mills Center
 New York Mills HS
 Lutheran Camp
 VFW New Mills
 Mission Hospital Nursery
 Angry Tia's & Abueleos
 USS Mauna Kea

VFW Aux News Mills
 Immanuel Lutheran
 Salvation Army
 Paws Center
 Rainbow Room
 Family Crisis
 Area Nursing Homes
 Up Bring for Kids
 Loves & Fishes
 Vets of Fun & Sunday

Donated by

Honey Bees
 Winter Haven Border Quilters
 Llano Grande Quilters
 Alamo Rose Quilters
 The Heights
 Delores Crowley
 Millie Peach
 4H Master Sewers
 Jean Nicklia
 Perez Elementary
 Killer Bee's
 Renee Darkis

Retreat

A few notes about the upcoming retreats. Yes, we are anxiously waiting for retreat. It's always fun to reacquaint with old friends and make new friends. It is so hard to speak to fellow retreaters at our Guild meetings because they are crammed pack with all kinds of interesting stuff. Retreat gives us the opportunity to relax, maybe do a little sewing, shopping and socializing. Don't you just love retreat?

All of the Friendship Star gals have paid for their retreat. Most of the Bluebonnet Friends have also paid. Their final payment is due on this coming Saturday. By the time the newsletter is published, all will have paid.

Bluebonnet Friends, do not forget the Challenge that Bev Harvey presented at the 2019 retreat. The prizes are fantastic! There will be three prizes awarded. Remember the rules are few and simple. You can not use more than the fat quarter of the fabric that you purchased. You MUST use at least a 2" square of that fabric in the item you make. You can add as many other fabrics as you like. You can make anything you want. Please DO NOT put your name on the item. Place your item in a bag. There will be a place to put all item at the retreat.

Also, I've contacted the masseuse at the Ranch. I anticipate there will be interest in getting a massage to ease your aching back from sitting over your sewing machine.

I am currently working on the room chart. Next I'll do the meals.

Things are falling into place nicely. Looking forward to another wonderful retreat.

Until next time,
Karyn Heaney



An Opportunity to Help Kids

by Renee Darkis

I recently started volunteering at the Donna School Rivas Elementary, a fine arts school. I have been welcomed with open arms. I am also alarmed at the great need of this and many of the schools in the area. They have a 90% poverty rate. One woman raising her grandchild has to heat water on the stove for baths.

Here is how you can help! If you or your group has quilts to donate, they have a great need. If you want to help in the classroom perhaps listening to kids read, or help with the drama department as they get ready for the events they have planned, they have a great need.

You can get quilts to me (812-890-1572) and I will get them distributed. If you want to personally help you can visit the school or call Sarah Rocha, parent educator, at 956-309-1877.

If Donna school is too far away, I encourage you to go to the nearest elementary school and ask to volunteer. After the initial shock they will be glad to have you help.

Don't worry if you don't speak Spanish, many schools are bilingual, you might even learn something in the process.

Huge Garage Sale!

Thursday - Saturday/January 23 - 25
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Three tables of boxes from Jeanne Huff's estate, plus several tables of Dale Shafer's big de-stashing attempt! Includes batiks and wool.

Lots of books and magazines.
313 Karen Dr., A.C.C., Alamo (alley)

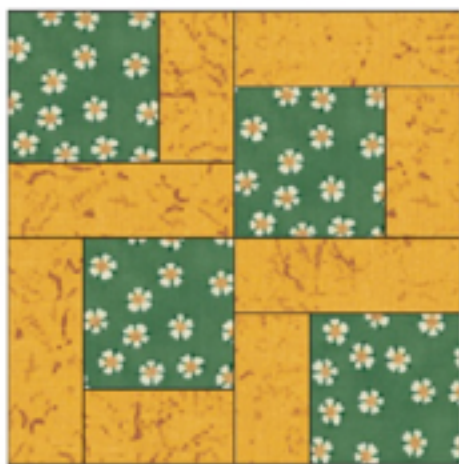
BOM for February Guild Meeting (Final BOM)

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 2020 membership card. Scroll down until you see **Block of the Month**, then click on the meeting month or you can use the info provided here.

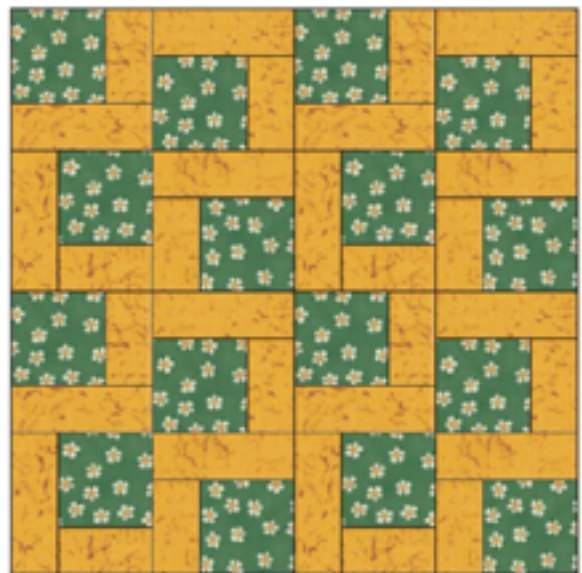
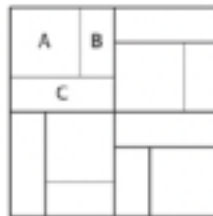


- Quilter's Block-a-Day Calendar by Debbie Kratovil
- January 20 – Patience Corners
- 9" Finished
- Block A – Floral
- Block B & C - Solid
- Please measure, unfinished block should be 9 1/2"
- Bring to the February 9th Meeting

PATIENCE CORNERS



A = 3-1/2" square floral
 B = 2" x 3-1/2" solid - cut 4
 C = 2" x 5" solid - cut 4



FOUR BLOCKS

9" A 3 1/2" B 2" x 3 1/2" C 2" x 5"

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RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by President Kathe Letulle. She shared some security tips for debit cards and check writing.

Laural Powell mentioned the great classes Thursday and Friday taught by our national speaker, Karen Combs. The trunk show by Karen Combs beautifully illustrated the effects of illusion quilts and how different the same quilt can look when rotated 90 degrees two or three times. It can look like two or three different quilts. One hint provided was to use some fabric leftover from piecing the front to make up the back, or the sleeve. Later if the quilt needs repair, you have readily available fabric to use. Karen also has her own lines of Banyan batik fabrics carried by Northcott to use with her quilt designs.

Diana Wolf, Secretary, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the prior month's minutes posted in the newsletter. None were heard so the minutes were approved as posted.

Diane Tewell, Treasurer, presented the fourth quarter financial report and explained why the various cuts have occurred to the Guild operating budget. She referred members to the October 2019 newsletter where the Guild 2020 budget was published if they wished more details. She is willing to answer any questions.

Kathe Letulle announced that Rick Redd, who is in the 2nd VP position which contains Community Service responsibilities, is stepping down effective the end of the meeting today. He encouraged the members to continue their efforts for Community Service. We will keep him in our thoughts and prayers. We will be looking for a person to fill out his term to the end of the year.

Rick Redd read 2019 the end-of-year report documenting significant contributions by the Guild to many community groups.

Laural Powell, Program chair, thanked members who attended the program classes the last two days. You can register online for any program classes. The March program classes are full, and a waiting list is available. Classes by the national speaker at our quilt show still have many openings for students on both Friday and Saturday. She will have her laptop at the next Guild meeting to facilitate enrollment in these or other classes.

Lucy Klaas, announced there will be military sew days on Wednesday, January 15, at Snow to Sun from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, and again on Monday, the 27th at Trophy Gardens RV Resort from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided at each event. The committee needs about 25 completed tops to hang at the quilt show which is coming soon. Five quilts have been distributed to veterans recently.

Evelyn Fincher, in charge of Academic Scholarships, stated letters have been distributed to high schools requesting nominations for academic scholarships for college. She had also distributed letters to prior winners if current high school nominees are not qualified.

Karyn Heaney, announced that both retreats are full. She will collect each attendee's emergency contact information at the Tennis Ranch. She will provide an envelope for it which you will seal. The envelope will be returned to you at the end of the retreat. The envelopes will be returned to attendees at the end of the Retreat.

Heather Nelson, Schoolhouse Chair, stated that there are still openings in New Methods for your Madness taught by Renee Darkis in the February Schoolhouse, and in the March class, Impressionistic Painting with Fabric, by Karen Dill. The roster of attendees appears on the Members

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Only webpage, and you can check if you are enrolled there. As chair for the Schoolhouse classes, she is looking for Guild members to be teachers for other Guild members for next season. Please contact her if you or if you know of someone who could teach.

Bonnie Hall stated if you send an email to info@rgvqq.com, she will answer questions about the website.

Maggie Putney, chair of Sunshine and Shadows, announced she will be sending a card to a member facing a difficult medical situation.

Gayle Steinbeck stated she and Susan Hudson will be hostesses for our general meetings. On behalf of Trophy Gardens RV Resort, she thanked the Guild for using their facility. There were 180 members present today, and eight guests.

Judy Brown as Newsletter chair announced a new deadline for articles, the Monday after the general meeting, so the date may change from month to month. She is planning some other changes as well. She will print information about Valley Bee quilt shows if she learns of any.

Marty Morrison as Membership chair announced a total of 257 members today, with 56 renewals and nine new members joining at the meeting.

Susan Coleman was excited to share there were 22 books checked out today. However, she had also noticed 21 overdue books. She encourages these be returned before phone calls must be made.

The current year Show Chair, Marsha Santow, revealed there will be two locations to drop off and pick up Show quilts. One location will be Trophy Gardens RV Resort on Tuesday, February 11 between 9 am and 11 am. The other location will be at the First Methodist Church in Port Isabel, on Wednesday, between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Quilts dropped off at one location must be picked up at the same location.

Sarah Reed stated Opportunity Quilt tickets have been selling well. You are entered into a drawing for two \$75 gift cards for each book of tickets sold. Some Bees have sold many books at their craft shows and we are looking for more opportunities for other Bees to do the same. She also needs some help selling tickets at Market Days at the South Padre Island on Jan 24, 25 and 26.

Linda Haderer revealed several bags were given to the Bags, Totes and More, and more were in the planning stages. She read a list of items that can be given individually and put into themed bags. Some themes are beach, grandma, vintage sewing items, baby, Halloween, Harley Davidson and others. Fat quarters, zippers, snaps, and other quilting notions are highly desired.

Judy Blum was very happy to receive a few quilts for the Silent Auction, but more are needed. The entries will be judged at the February Guild meeting, and the top three will be given cash awards.

Paula McCutchan has eight challenge quilts registered. The theme is to be from a book, and there are three techniques to be incorporated. See the Guild web page for further details. These quilts also need a label, a sleeve and be inside a pillowcase.

Joy Paugh is looking for volunteers for the Quilt Show. There are many opportunities to help. Volunteering for two or more hours will result in free admission for the volunteer. There were sign up sheets available at the meeting, and volunteers can also sign up online.

Laural Powell is the Show Chair for 2022, the 40th or Ruby Anniversary of the show. She has a design in mind for the Opportunity quilt. If members would like to donate their fabric to the quilt, please bring a fat quarter, a quarter of a yard, or an eighth of a yard WOF which is predominately red to the February meeting. It should be all cotton and of good quilting quality. Do not prewash the fabric.

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Laural is also looking for volunteers or references for persons able to present summer Guild programs.

Our Rummage Sale, also known recently as Granny's Attic, will be held in April of 2020. A volunteer chair is needed. Friendship Day will be in December, and a chair is needed for the event.

Subie Redd presented certificates of appreciation to Guild members who helped with classes in garment construction at Texas A&M. The recipients were Karon Jacobson, Leslie Lorenzo, and Glenda Davis.

Subie also presented the information for the Block of the Month. It will be the last month for this program. There were only two certificates distributed last year for completed projects with the Block of the Month. There is further information about this month's design on the Guild website.

Kathe Letulle stated that the BOM project is an example of a program which goes away due to lack of interest. If interest grows, the program could be reinstated.

Renee Darkis is volunteering at an elementary school in the Donna School System. Ninety percent of the 300 students are in families living below the poverty line. Service hours volunteered could be counted toward the Guild community service efforts if the school does not count them for their accounting. The Donna School system would likely welcome volunteers at any elementary school.

Kathe Letulle announced there are two openings on the Board, the second vice-president (Community Service) to fill out the remaining 12 months of the term, and a Historian. Please contact her with suggestions for volunteers for these positions.

Show and Tell proceeded.

Some of the door prizes next month will be provided by Martelli, the presenters of our December program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.
Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Secretary.

Other RGV Quilt Shows

January 21	9 am - 1 pm	Winter Ranch	Alamo
January 28	9 am - 3 pm	Llano Grande	Mercedes
January 29	Noon - 3 pm	Alamo Palms	Alamo
February 4	10 am - 2 pm	Green Gate	Mission
February 6	8 am - 12:30 pm	Orange Grove	Edinburg
February 6	9 am - 1 pm	Alamo Rec-Veh	Alamo
February 18	Noon - 3 pm	Casa Del Valle	Alamo
February 20	10 am - 3 pm	Victoria Palms	Alamo
February 22	1 pm - 4 pm	Tropic Star	Pharr
March 7	8 am - Noon	Winter Haven Border Quilters	Brownsville
March 14 - April 4	Fiber Arts Unlimited	Kika de la Garza Art Center	921 E. 12th St. Mission

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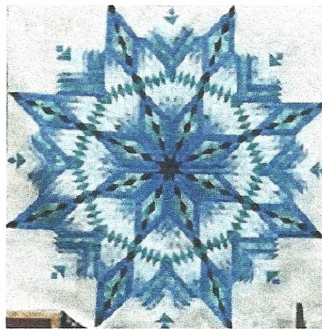


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