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## President's Threads That Bind

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by *Kathe Letulle*

When contemplating what I wished to say this month, all I could think of was holding every member in prayer. Many members have kept themselves busy by making masks, other charity work, and completing their Unfinished Projects. Many Thanks to any members who assisted their families, friends and communities in various endeavors – you are the quilting angels.

I, for one, will be happy to announce when we can open the doors and all activities for the Guild will be ongoing. But sad to say that day has not yet arrived. Soon, I hope. I will send out a GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT when that day is here.

Again, your Guild Board has met via audio conference call to ensure the Guild is progressing in a positive manner for all members. Of course, the Guild Quilt Show is the major focus at this time as this event is the lifeblood of the Guild. I am pleased to say that both the Show Board and Guild Board are working diligently to ensure a positive outcome.

Remember: Be sure to fill out the Community Service form and advise or either snail mail or scan and email the completed form to your Community Service Chairperson, Chris Cowan at [communitysvc@rgvqg.com](mailto:communitysvc@rgvqg.com), so all charitable donations will be documented. Thanks in advance.

We should all continue to pray for all our members and elimination of this pandemic so our lives can get back to an even keel. Thank you all.

Our Facebook page is a great place for all of us to know how things are going in our Quilt Guild Community. We love to see the posts – even if it is to say HI! Our concern is how our members are faring to keep on keeping on with their daily lives. Each and every member is special because you chose to join our Quilt Guild.

ALL Members - ALWAYS check the website for any class and meeting locations changes, access to Board and Meeting Minutes, and what is going on within the Guild during this time of getting back to what we feel will be a normal life.

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

**Blessings!** Kathe - [President@rgvqg.com](mailto:President@rgvqg.com)  
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## Announcements

Due to health reasons, Maggie Putney has had to resign as Sunshine and Shadows Chairperson. If you would like to be that person to send cards to our members who are in happy or unpleasant circumstances – please send an e-mail to [president@rgvqg.com](mailto:president@rgvqg.com) or text 956-272-2377. REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS - when you hear of a member that needs a congratulations or cheering up – please send their name and circumstance to [sunshine@rgvqg.com](mailto:sunshine@rgvqg.com). Thank you so much in advance.

The Quilt Show Committee is looking for Quilt Show **Chairpersons** for the **2023** and **2024 Quilt Shows**. Volunteer NOW and you have awesome mentors prior to your own show, sent an e-mail to [president@rgvqg.com](mailto:president@rgvqg.com) or text 956-272-2377. If you know someone who would be a Chairperson, nominate them and that person will be contacted.

The Guild Historian Volunteer position is in need of a Chairperson. If interested, please send an email to [president@rgvqg.com](mailto:president@rgvqg.com) or text 956-272-2377. Any member may submit another members name for any volunteer position.

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## Community Service

by Chris Cowan

	Items	Hours	Value
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	598	4,302	\$31,103.80
Year 2019	6658	25,572	\$179,047.3
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020	1137	8,405	\$67,627

I have not received any documentation since March when the virus hit. But several bees and individuals have been making masks. Total quantities are unknown.

## Membership Information

by Marty Morrison - ([membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com)) or 816-686-3467

If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, please do so to help with our budget.

The annual dues are only \$30.00 and can be paid online, 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.)

2020 Membership Dues – To join or renew your membership, the numbers start with 200xxx. The cards for 2020 are a Blue Jade Marble. Membership cards 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.

Now for 2020 we have a total of 315 members. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following **New Members**:

- Susie Berger
- Linda Damon
- Jackie Schoening
- Rikki Upton

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com)

Please let me know if you need any assistance.

Friendship -- When we do get back together, let's introduce ourselves to someone at the Guild meeting that you see, but don't normally talk with. A new beginning to meet and know other Guild Members.

For more information

For more information about the activities mentioned in this newsletter, visit our website, [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)

## Youth Sewing

by Florea Flores



The youth class was cancel due to COVID-19. Some of the youth made face masks for the community. They also made stuffed turtles for The Painted Turtle, a camp in California for children with serious medical conditions. Every child that comes to the camp will receive a stuffed turtle.

## Academic Scholarships

by Evelyn Fincher

Academic Scholarships—per Elizabeth Rios, Sharyland High School and Janet Amaro, Sharyland Advanced Academic Academy (SA3), there will be no Scholarships Assembly this year. Awards will be presented by the counselors and received from organizations to counselors curbside. I will mail the Certificates of Scholarship Award to Jade and Monse.

## “Tomato” your Local Quilt Shop

by Debra Warner

No, I don’t mean throw tomatoes at their plate glass window! I mean it in the symbolic sense of sweetness and deliciousness.

Tomatoes have long been symbols of goodness. They were given to newcomers in a community to welcome them. In the winter, when fresh tomatoes were not available, the gift might have been a tomato pincushion to wish the newcomer domestic happiness and harmony.

Here’s how it works. You spend money at the local quilt shop. If the quilt shop owner has a few dollars, she might take her lunch at a local family owned café. Maybe a Bacon-Lettuce-Tomato sandwich. The owners of the café may have purchased those tomatoes from the local farmers’ market. Those few dollars have now benefitted at least 3 people in your local community.

Tomatoes also symbolize patience and understanding. And that’s what you get from your local quilt shop owner when you ask for help in matching fabrics or doing the math for the borders and binding. So, “tomato” your local quilt shop owner with some kindness in these difficult times!

### Support Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild.

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RGVQG receives 0.5 cents when you order from [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose RGVQG rather than on [amazon.com](https://amazon.com) and it costs the same for you.

# Meet Your Officers

**Kathe Letulle** is our **President**. As such her duties include:

- Guild's Chief Executive
- Supervise the Guild's business and affairs
- Preside at all meetings of the Board
- Schedule and conduct regular monthly meetings
- Appoint chairperson and committees
- Carry on the business of the Guild, with approval of the Board
- Work with elected officers to accomplish purposes and goals of the Guild
- Sign checks in absence of the Treasurer and shall be bonded
- Initiate biannual review of the Bylaws
- An ex-officio member of all committees
- Execute any documents that the Board authorizes but may not execute documents on the Guild's behalf if this power is expressly delegated to another officer or agent of the Guild by the Board, these Bylaws, or statute
- Perform other duties prescribed by the Board and all duties incidental to the office of President



Kathe has had experience in quilting as a volunteer at a Quilt Shop in Galveston Texas, vendor at Quilt Markets and Quilt Shows, teacher of Quilt Classes and expanding Quilters Knowledge, and currently the owner of quilt shop in Mercedes Texas - Quilters This N That Korner.

She lives full-time in Mercedes with her husband, Derrel. Kathe has a son, Steven and daughter, Samantha, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren with one on the way.

In addition to quilting, Kathe enjoys motorcycle riding, watching quilting YouTube videos and being a member of her quilting bee. She thoroughly enjoys being a member of the RGV Quilt Guild and interacting with other members.

**Marty Morrison** is **1st Vice-President** and as such, is in charge of Membership.

Marty's duties include printing of sign-in sheets for the Guild meeting, along with receiving and tracking membership dues, creating membership cards and keeping the membership list up-to-date.



She didn't start quilting until after retiring from Kansas City Power & Light Company in 2008. Marty learned to make clothes in 4-H Club in Independence, Missouri and had several outfits displayed at the Missouri State Fair where she received some blue ribbons. She learned to hand quilt from her mother and grandmothers, but didn't really piece any tops until 2008.

Before becoming full-time Texas residents in 2016, she grew up in Independence, Missouri and lived in Raymore, Missouri.

Marty's son, Duane, lives in Lawrence, Kansas with his wife, Christine, and two grandchildren Adeline, age 8, and John, age 4.

In addition to quilting, Marty enjoys morning water exercise and going to the beach. She also does some gourd carving, as her mother-in-law had lots of dried gourds that she just couldn't throw away.

Marty says "I really enjoy the quilt retreats and learning quilting techniques from others. The Guild is a great place to meet very talented ladies."

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*Additional Officers and Committee Chairs will be profiled in future newsletters.*

## Quilt Show News

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by Laurie Magee

The Show Board continues to work toward resolving the issues around the 2021 RGVQG show. On Thursday, a committee met in a video format with a representative of the SPI Convention Center. Mayra was able to answer lots of our questions and reassure us about our options going forward. Planning is difficult when no one has control of, or knowledge of, what the future holds. We will keep the membership in the loop as things proceed.

The Show Board still has several positions that we wish to fill. This is a dedicated group to work with and I invite you to join us. We need a secretary, a program chair who will be responsible for care and nurturing of the speaker/teacher at the quilt show and a transportation chair who will work to develop transportation options for people in the Upper Valley and elsewhere. Both Debi Warner and Sarah Reed have done work in these efforts and can be a resource.

The most important position is chair of the Bargain Boutique. We need an individual, partners or a bee to take on the coordination of this committee. This is one of our most significant fundraisers! Since many of us have more time on our hands than usual, please continue making items for the Bargain Boutique. Debi has posted some fun options and if anyone else has ideas or patterns, please share them with the rest of us. I'm working on turtle pincushions! If you have been creative and do not wish to deal with storage, you are welcome to mail them to me at:

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### Industry News

Blueprint/Craftsy has announced that they intend to close their Blueprint business over the next few months. Additional details to follow.

## Sewcial Networking

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by Judy Brown

I have always been inquisitive and always wanted to learn, so am not running out of things to find and do during this time. Misinformation is rampant everywhere these days, but not necessarily in our quilting resources. There is so much sharing and true helpfulness online among quilters and sewists.

What have you found that is helpful? We will continue this column as long as you contribute as well or find it helpful.

This month I want to highlight a quilter, writer and pattern maker from which I have learned so much.

Until QuiltCon in Austin in February I hadn't paid attention to Gudrun Erla of [GE Quilt Designs](#). While there I purchased a special package with her ruler, book and patterns, and am now addicted.

In April, Gudrun was named the **#1 most influential quilter** by *Quilting Daily*. She has led two Quarantine Quilt Alongs (QQA) with Elvira in March with 16,000 quilters from 37 countries and Hope QQA in May. I watch her on Facebook every Tuesday and Friday and really love her patterns.



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## New CS Form

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by Bonnie Hall

We have a new Community Service online form to report items donated by individuals or groups. You can submit up to 5 different items on one form.

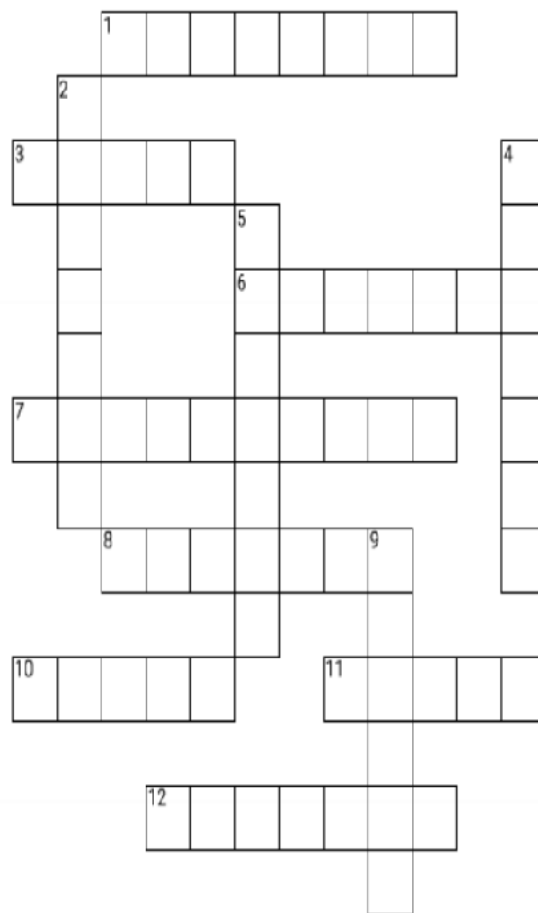
The required information is:

- Date Donated
- Donated by
- Donated to
- Received by
- First Item and Quantity
- Submitted by email. You'll get an email saying the submission was successful.

## Do You Know your Quilt Acronyms?

BOM - Block of the Month	SABLE - Stash Accumulated Beyond Life Expectancy
DSM - Domestic Sewing Machine	SEX - Stash Enhancing eXperience
FART- Fabric Acquisition Road Trip	SID - Stitch in Ditch
FOB - Fear of Binding	SnW - Stack and Whack
FQ - Fat Quarter	Squishy - Envelopes filled with swap fabric or gifts sent through the mail
HST- Half Square Triangle	STASH - Special Treasures All Hidden Secretly
LA - Long Armer	TGIF - Thank God It's Finished
LAQ - Long Armer Quilter	TOT - Tone on Tone
LQS - Local Quilt Shop	UFO - Unfinished Object
MAQ - Mid Arm Quilter	VIP - Very Important Project
OBW - One Block Wonder	WHIMM - Works hidden in my Mind
PhD - Projects half Done	WIP - Work in Progress
PIGS - Projects in Grocery Sacks	WISP - Work in Slow Progress
PP - Paper Piecing	WWIT - What Was I Thinking
QAYG - Quilt as you go	WOF - Width of Fabric
RR - Round Robin	WOMBAT - Waste of Money, Batting and Time

## RGVQG Crossword



Thank you to Laural Powell for the Quilt Acronyms and Crossword Puzzle



*Masks Made For Veterans*

### Across

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ mind is never tidy
3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ on the fabric
6. A diagonal quilt setting
7. Quilter's best friend
8. Wandering while quilting
10. A method of speed piecing
11. Material girls have a sizable \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_, cut once

### Down

2. A quilt is NOT a \_\_\_\_\_
4. The meat of a quilt sandwich
5. Small sewing accessories
9. Not a pizza cutter

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- Digital format is preferred
- Please Include a "headline" or header for your article and your name with any other contact information
- Pictures, graphics including clip art preferred in .jpeg, .jpg, .gif or .png

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