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President's Threads That Bind

by Kathe Letulle

Prayers continue for all our members. Being Safe and Healthy is the number one concern. I cannot wait to see everyone for the upcoming season. There is a lot going on behind the scenes for our Guild. Due to a generous donation, the Guild will purchase Zoom Pro for a year. This is a trial run and before the purchase for Guild use, etiquette and ground rules must first be set in place. The goal is to be finalized by September 2020. This will be the first connection face to face since the Guild meeting in March 2020. My request is that everyone downloads Zoom.com on your computer, laptop, iPad or iPhone, if you are not communicating with family already with Zoom. There is a load of information on how to use Zoom on their website. Using Zoom is not complicated to use, so you may wish to communicate with family members also. Zoom has opened doors that many of us were not even aware. SO HAVE FUN!

Your Guild June Board Meetings used Zoom and the communication was very effective. It was awesome to see faces and feel connected from all over – in and out of state. Prior months, use of Free Conference Call, was not as useful as there was talking over each other and with Zoom, each board member could raise their hand and be acknowledged. Can you believe, the Show Board conducted business in a little over an hour and the Guild Board was two hours, productivity was at an all-time high! I wish to thank all board members for

their diligence in ensuring the Guild is progressing in a positive manner.

If you did not join in the Program – Christmas in July – you surely missed out. This project was so exciting. I received my package and was it ever so awesome! THANK YOU to you KNOW WHO! There will be a revealing from those who participated, so if you are not a member of the Guild Facebook page, please request admittance.

I know that this is short and sweet but with the chaos, all we can do is hunker down and ?. Get those UFO's done plus any new projects and post to the Guild Facebook site. All of us love seeing what everyone is doing. The ideas that members have are abounding. Your project could inspire another member. Keep them coming!

Please continue praying for our members and our country. Our new normal is out there somewhere and each of us wishes to get back there eventually. **SOON TO COME IS NEWS ABOUT THE GUILD'S NEW NORMAL!**

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
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Announcements

New Board Members:

Historian - Debi Warner

Sunshine Shadows - Jackie Landon

Thank you both for volunteering your time for the betterment of the Guild.

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 or text 956-272-2377. If you know someone who would be a Chairperson, nominate them and that person will be contacted.

Sunshine and Shadows

Shirley Stoudt is undergoing Chemo

If anyone knows a member that need a special word of cheer, having health issues or family death, please e-mail name and information to: sunshine@rgvqg.com and a card will be snail mailed.

Membership Information

by Marti Morrison

The fiscal year is from January 1 through December 31. If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, please do so to help with our Budget. In November, the dues collected will be for the following year of 2021 - which means if you are a new member, you are getting two months without having to pay dues.

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.)

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

Now for 2020 we have a total of 316 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

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

	Items	Hours	Value
4th Quarter 2019	598	4302	\$31,103.80
Year 2019	6658	25,572	\$179,047.3
1st Quarter 2020	1137	8405	\$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 unknown.

Guild History

by Debi Warner

We are going to slowly do some work on our **History!** We plan on creating a digital archive.

You can join us!

Please:

1. If you know of, or are, a previous Guild Historian, please contact me at debi.warner1129@att.net. (I would just like an overview of what you know about.)
2. If you have a printed show program for a previous Quilt Show other than the one pictured here, please email me and let me know the year.

*Please also include if you know how to scan it and send me the file. I will let you know if I need that year. Currently, I need them all except this one!

* If you do not know how to scan, please let me know if you are willing to mail it to me for scanning. I will mail it back AND return the cost of postage if you wish.

Questions? Please contact me at debi.warner1129@att.net. If you want to text me, my number is 956-357-8999.

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Quilt Show Board Update

by Laurie Magee

The show board is continuing its information gathering to make a sound decision about the 2021 Quilt Show. Each of you has received a poll from the Guild asking you for feedback. The vendor committee chair is creating a similar poll for our show vendors. We had another virtual meeting with the staff of the SPI Convention center to get further numbers about the financial impact having this show.

The suggestion was made to the show board to consider a virtual quilt show that might contain a quilt exhibit, online access to vendors, and lectures. We have formed a committee which will be chaired by Laural Powell. We are asking each of you as Guild members to be aware of this type of opportunity. If you see this type of event in your community or any of the other groups that you belong to, please forward contact information or show links to quiltshow@rgvqq.com.

We are in the process of switching to Zoom for show board, guild board and guild meetings. If you are having difficulty with this, please contact either Laurie Magee or Kathe Letulle rather than just not attending. We miss your input when you are not there.

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Quilt Industry News

by Judy Brown

The American Quilter's Society (AQS) recently released their survey of quilter's favorite units found in quilt blocks.

- 53% Half Square Triangle
- 33% Flying Geese
- 32% Nine Patch
- 20% Square in a Square
- 18% Four Patch
- 17% Rail
- 11% Corner Flips
- 11% Quarter Square Triangle
- 10% Peaky & Spiky

Popular write-ins included Log Cabin and Appliqué. Their favorite block size was 12 inches.

Many picked more than one block, but star blocks were the big winner with Ohio Star picked the most.



What is your favorite block?

Murphy's Laws

- Fusible interfacings always fuse to the iron
- The seam you meant to rip out is invariably the other one
- When you are in a hurry, the needle eye is always too small
- The fabric you forgot to pre-shrink will always shrink the most
- The pattern you wanted to make again will have one key piece missing

- Whenever the construction process is going well, the bobbin thread runs out
 - If you drop something out of your sewing basket, it will be your box of pins, with the cover off
 - The magnitude of the goof is in direct proportion to the cost of the fabric
 - Your lost needle will be found by your son, husband or brother-in-law, while walking around barefoot
 - The steam iron only burps rusty water on light silk fabric
 - The sewing machine light usually burns out on Sunday
- See more Murphy's Laws at murphys-laws.com
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Quilting Trends Survey Results 2020

This year's survey consisted of 140 questions and was sent out via email in late January and early February 2020 to nearly 1 million quilters, 98% of whom were located in North America. 20,000 responses came in, and there was an 83% completion rate.

- The estimated size of the quilting market is \$4.2 billion, up slightly from \$4.1 billion in 2018 and \$3.8 billion in 2014.
- The average quilter is a retired woman in her 60's with a household income of \$74,000.
- Modern quilts have grown in popularity since 2017

Details are available at <https://craftindustryalliance.org/quilting-trends-survey-results-2020/>

Blueprint/Craftsy

Blueprint has announced that access to subscription services and individually purchased classes will continue due to the acquisition of assets by TN Marketing.

They will be launching as Craftsy on or around September 1.

Newsletter Advertising Rates

1/4 page \$25.00
1/2 page: \$50.00
Full page: \$100.00
Business Card \$10.00
Classified Ad: \$5.00 or 3-4 lines



Deadline: Monday following meeting on second Saturday of the month to be included in our next monthly publication. July content is due by the 13th.

Newsletter is posted 12 times each year. Paid advertisers may put one ad per month on our Facebook page at no cost.

Guidelines for Article Submission

- 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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