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## President's Threads That Bind

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by *Kathe Letulle*

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt said "You must do the thing you think you cannot do" and "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." The Guild and Show Boards have stepped out from the imposing shadow of COVID-19 Pandemic and went forward doing things for you, the members, that at one time would not have been conceived possible. When given lemons, lemonade is definitely being served.

A Virtual Quilt Show - who would have even imagined that such a thing possible? This Guild is capable of anything! Stay tuned as we proceed to traverse the uncharted waters and swim upstream. The Show Board is growing through experience to perform a task on their own that other guilds have paid Big Time Professionals. This will be a quilt show of our own making with a very slim budget. We have been told that we are adventurous in our endeavor for our virtual quilt show but we wish to be the forerunners in accomplishing things that in the past have not been done by smaller quilt groups. We are gaining strength and courage by every experience in this venture and there are many individuals, and not just Guild members, cheering us on as we look fear in the face every day and go forward.

WOW! Our first Guild meeting since March and what a joy to see 84 friendly smiling faces out of 320 members. Sure there were a number of hick-ups with this new technology that is very unfamiliar

to all BUT if the meeting had gone perfectly, what would we have learned. NOTHING! We are doing one thing every day that scares us and that makes us strong. There was so much to catchup on—5 months—that made the meeting longer than expected. As the months go forward, the meetings will shorten in time and more blessings and surprises await us all. Committee reports will be in the newsletter if not shared at the meetings.

We know there is need for more training sessions on Zoom for any member not having had past training or needs a refresher course. But at every meeting, there will be housekeeping assistance with your device. Diane Tewell is your Zoom Coordinator ([ZCoor@rgvqq.com](mailto:ZCoor@rgvqq.com)) and can assist connecting you with the correct device trainer for any assistance.

I would personally like to thank Debi Warner, Diane Tewell, Diana Wolf, Laurie Magee, Marty Morison, and Judy Brown for tireless efforts because without their assistance the Guild meeting would not have happened. I was told to "Just Host The Meeting" so all their combined efforts made the impossible Possible. As Thomas the Train said "I think I can. I think I can," well WE did! I personally feel that in my heart we are doing what is right for the Guild at all times, and expect both Boards will be critiqued no matter what path is taken. That is human nature so bear with us during this transition. Thanks Bunches in advance.

A new beginning for our Guild, so be sure to click on the blue link in the invitation e-mail or download from [zoom.com](http://zoom.com) on your computer, laptop, iPad or iPhone and use the ID and Password. Also check out Zoom website for webinars. Using Zoom is not hard

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to navigate, so you may want to use this feature to communicate with others. Zoom has opened doors that many of us were not even aware. So have fun! We have come a long way baby! New avenues opened to us, a side benefit of being isolated and wanting to be able to communicate with each other.

ALL Members - ALWAYS Check the website for any updates, 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. See you at the next Guild meeting - October 10 at 10 AM Central Time.

We are all bound together by a common thread—quilting! **Blessings!**  
 Kathe - [President@rgvqg.com](mailto:President@rgvqg.com) 956-272-2377

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## Another Meet and Greet

As the comments were positive at the Guild meeting - We can now look forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the next two months for a Meet and Greet at 10 AM Central Time. Friendships have been formed within the members of our Guild, and fortifying these friendships is all important. Remember the Zoom link to the Meet and Greet will be emailed on the Thursday prior—again so it is handy. I sure cannot wait to see more smiling faces on September 26 and October 24 to visit with one another. The Zoom link will not be posted on the website or the Guild Facebook page due to possibility of being slammed by hackers, etc. Reminder—each Zoom link is unique not recurring.

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## October Guild Meeting

Be sure to watch for the “Zoom Invitation Link To Join” email for the October 10, 2020, Guild meeting at 10AM Central Time. This will be emailed the Thursday prior to the meeting so the email (with Zoom meeting link) will be close at hand and not lost in the multitude of



emails. The link will not be posted to the website or Facebook. Zoom is the one feature that is vital to the success of our Guild; we all do not need to be here in the Valley!!!

Guests are welcomed—but they must register first. Check out [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) and further guest information—we are currently working to make this happen. Reminder - each meeting Zoom link is unique NOT recurring.

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# Treasurer Report

by Diane Tewell

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild	
Profit and Loss	
March - August 2020	
	Total
Income	
Donation	218.15
Fabric Drawing	160.00
Guests & Fines	240.00
Interest	7.68
Membership	280.00
Military Service Quilts Income	496.00
Newsletter Advertising	150.00
Pay Pal Bank Transfer	538.62
Programs Income	200.00
Quilt Show Income	12,000.00
Total Income	\$14,290.45
Gross Profit	\$14,290.45
Expenses	
Fabric Drawing Expense	322.06
Military Service Quilts	821.86
Office Supplies	77.70
PayPal Quilt Show Payment	1,175.00
Programs Expense	3,650.70
Rentals - Post Office Box	148.00
Rentals - Program Classes	100.00
Rentals - Weslaco Storage Unit - Guild	1,539.00
Rentals-Board & Guild Meetings	350.00
Scholarships - Students	4,000.00
School House Class	200.00
Web Service	249.44
Total Expenses	\$12,633.76
Net Operating Income	\$ 1,656.69
Net Income	\$ 1,656.69
Sunday, Sep 13, 2020 03:26:44 PM GMT-7 - Cash Basis	

March 2020 Beginning Bank Balance	\$9,878.21
March 202 Ending Bank Balance	\$21,834.36
April 2020 Beginning Bank Balance	\$21,834.36
April 2020 Ending Bank Balance	\$20,107.94
May 2020 Beginning Bank Balance	\$20,107.94
May 2020 Ending Bank Balance	\$20,097.94
June 2020 Beginning Balance	\$20,097.94
June 2020 Ending Bank Balance	\$16,699.30
July 2020 Beginning Balance	\$16,699.30
July 2020 Ending Bank Balance	\$13,497.37
August 2020 Beginning Balance	\$13,497.37
August 202 Ending Bank Balance	\$11,497.22
March 1, 2020 Savings Balance	\$33,149.62
August 31, 2020 Savings Balance	\$33,155.90

As your Treasurer, I would like to respond to Saturday's questions concerning the transfer of funds By-Laws change coming up for vote in November.

I would like to take responsibility for this change request. Several months ago I proposed to the Board there should be a dollar limit on checks written and no funds can be transferred from the savings account to other accounts without prior approval from the Guild Board. These limits would be for both the Guild treasurer and the Quilt Show treasurer. I recommended a limit of \$1000.00. As we have several annual obligations for payments over \$1000.00, the Board recommended a limit of \$1,500.00. This was voted on and approved.

Yes, at times, the requests may seem redundant and a great imposition to the treasurers, but I believe the security of the Guild's money is more important. My reasoning for making this motion to our by-laws

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is simply for the security and transparency of the treasurer and the Guild. On a personal note, I have been treasurer for other organizations. In taking the office, I always did a self-audit at the beginning of my term. In doing this for one organization I found several irregularities, one being an embezzlement of \$5000 plus dollars. I do not want this to happen in our Guild, therefore I will be proposing an amendment to the proposed By-Laws wording to include a lower check amount for checks, \$1,000.00, which must be approved in advance by the Board. Our larger expenditures are generally known a year in advance.

Now that we can have meetings on Zoom, we have the ability for a short notice Board meeting if one is needed. This will protect against spur-of-the-minute expenditure proposals.

Please note the checking account for the Quilt Show remains separate from the Guild checking account.

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## Sunshine and Shadows

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*by Jackie Landon*

I'm your representative from the Guild to send cards of concerns and joys to members of our Guild. If you have someone you'd like me to send a card to, give me the name, and maybe a little about the circumstances so I can personalize the card to that person.

Send your requests to [sunshine@rgvqg.com](mailto:sunshine@rgvqg.com). Recently, I've sent cards of condolences, thinking of you (always fits many circumstances) just a note to lift you up, and hope you are feeling better. I'm a new member on the Board starting this summer. I've been quilting for about 5 years. I was formally a teacher, then a school counselor before retirement at an Iowa School. Glad to get to know many of you though the Zoom meetings.

## Membership Information

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*by Marty Morrison*

Remember that you can Zoom from anywhere—so this means that you can also be a RGVQG member no matter where you live. Just be sure that your email is correct, and you will get information about the Zoom meeting. Please send any changes to [membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com)

The fiscal year is from January 1 through December 31. If you have not 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, or a check can be made payable to **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** and sent to:

RGVQG Membership  
PO Box 32  
Weslaco, TX 78599-0032

If you are paying by check, please include your email address—then I can let you know that the Guild has received your check. Also please update your personal information if anything has changed.

The information needed to access the “Members Only” page and the Guild Directory will be sent to you by email. Your new Membership card will also be sent via email in a PDF format.

Now for 2020 we have a total of 320 members.

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com). Please let me know if you need assistance. Marty Morrison ([membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com)) or 816-686-3467

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## Fabric Forecast

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Fabric Forecast, A Quilt Expo Event, announced a new online event from manufacturers, designers and leading quilt companies from October 19 to November 9. It is open to both the industry and the public. Visit [fabricforecast.com](http://fabricforecast.com) for information.

## September 12, 2020 Door Prize Winners

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There were 44 member names drawn randomly from the 320 members of the Guild. 84 members present (at one time) on Zoom. Only 1 of out of the 9 members present were still on during the door prize drawing. So, we had to draw numbers from those who were still present to get door prize winners.

Here are the 10 winners, who will receive a surprise in the mail:

- Ann Alexander - Edinburg, Texas
- Jan Baethke - Harlingen, Texas
- Chris Cowan - Edinburg, Texas
- Terry Davis - Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin
- Maggie Loney - Palmview, Texas
- Linda Osborne - Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Millie Peach - Perham, Minnesota
- Jan Rondeau - Donna, Texas
- Rachel Skye - Alburon, Washington
- Diane Tewell - Harlingen, Texas

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## Retreat

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by *Karyn Heaney*

Important dates to remember for the 2021 upcoming retreats:

Friendship Star Retreat is March 15 - 19, 2021. Full payment is due by the end of December 2020. Last day to cancel in order to receive a full refund is February 21, 2021.

Bluebonnet Friends Retreat is March 21 - 25, 2021. Last day to cancel in order to receive a full refund is February 28, 2021.

There are openings in the Friendship Star. Contact me if you would like to join in the fun. My info is in the Guild directory.

Bluebonnet Friends remember to complete your challenge project. No excuses...you had an extra year to work on them.

## Zoom Update

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by *Diane Tewell*

Everything "Zoom" is going great! We have used the program in several meetings with very few issues.

Several Bee's have scheduled meetings to try and see...and now are calling me back to schedule them weekly. We expect as the winter season approaches our time slots will start to fill up. If you are thinking of having Zoom meetings for your Bee, please let me know sooner than later to get you time slot.

The committee has attended many Zoom training sessions and have learned that guilds all across the country are working hard to keep their members connected...organizing "Sit & Sew" days, demos, workshops, and online classes.

We are discovering the many benefits of Zoom and looking forward to offering these type of programs to you.

About a month ago we offered Zoom training sessions to our members, had a good response, and I believe they were very successful. With the great attendance at last Saturday's Guild Zoom meeting, but with some confusion with all that was going on, the Zoom coordinators would like to offer training sessions again. If you would like to attend, please send me an email ([zcoor@rgvqg.com](mailto:zcoor@rgvqg.com)) with your name and the type of device you will be using. One of the team will notify you with a training meeting time.

We all are quickly learning that Zoom is now the new way to see all of our friends and loved ones from across the miles.

The Zoom logo is displayed in a large, bold, blue, lowercase sans-serif font.

# 2021 Virtual Quilt Show

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by Laurie Magee

## NEW DATES February 8–14, 2021

The Show Board committee is working on the development of a second website to support the 2021 RGVQG Virtual Quilt Show. This will give us the ability to support:

- A quilt gallery of your entries
- An exhibit of vintage sewing paraphernalia
- Classes and lectures
- A Marketplace which will include a silent auction and vendors

Your contribution to this effort is to provide the committee with beautiful things to include on the show website. Please look carefully at the revised quilt show category list to help you choose your entries. This also gives you an opportunity! If you have been a Winter Texan with items that you simply did not have the room to transport, now you can enter this show with a photo of that special piece.

Many of us have family quilts that we treasure. This is an opportunity to show them to the quilting community. We wish to provide examples of quilts from many time periods and areas of the country. The Vintage/Antique category will allow us to do that. Since this is virtual, size truly does not matter in any of the categories!

The exhibit of sewing paraphernalia will allow you to share some of the collectibles that you enjoy. For instance, I collect pincushions, vintage tape measures, thimbles, advertising needle cases, and small sewing kits. I really want to see what you have on display!



The registration information update is in the works as we speak. The registration information will remain on the regular Guild website. The new registration form will include the parameters for the entry photos with suggestions for finding resources to take your entry photos if you cannot.

You will see information below about getting pictures taken of your entry or entries here in South Texas. We wish to get as many photos take this fall as we can to lessen the load for Dale and June. She is identifying the photos carefully so they can be downloaded into the registration database when you have completed your registrations.

## Photo Opportunity

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This applies to our members who are currently in the RGV or will be before the end of the year. June and Dale Borneman have volunteered to take the photos for us in the RGV. They have created a studio in their garage and are able hang items up to 100 inches square. They have already taken 60 photos and June shared examples at the September Guild meeting.

Their contact information is:

June Borneman - 215-527-9312  
1501 N Loop 499, Unit 121  
Harlingen, TX

Please contact June to set up a drop off time. She is willing to take items in a group though they must be identified in the same way that we did physical drop off. Name of maker, title of quilt and contact information. They are trying to maintain physical distancing so work out your arrangements with them. If you do not have transportation to drop off your quilt, contact me at 920-685-6470 or [lamlib47@gmail.com](mailto:lamlib47@gmail.com) or and I will find a way!

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## Virtual Show Proposed Format

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Website ([rgvquiltshow.org](http://rgvquiltshow.org)) and Zoom

Proposed Pages

Home  
Gallery (subpages)  
Marketplace (subpages)  
Education (subpages)  
RGVQG  
SPI  
Advertisers

## Virtual Quilt Show Teams

Team	Members
Gallery Show Quilts Challenge Quilts Community Service	Laurie Magee - Team Leader Deb Blackburn (Suzanne) June Borneman Judy Brown Mike Hall Paula McCutchan Jan Rondeau
Education Classes Demos Lectures	Laural Powell - Team Leader Kathe Letulle Heather Nelson
Marketplace Bargain Boutique Opportunity Quilt Totes, Bags & More Vendors	Debi Warner - Team Leader Linda Damon Bonnie Hall Marilyn Hensz Joy Paugh Sarah Reed Marsha Santow

## Categories for the 2021 RGVQG Virtual Show

1. **Challenge:** 2021: When someone quilts a memory -- This year the challenge will be to take a pre-1960 VINTAGE BLOCK or VINTAGE LINEN and create a new wall hanging for future generations to cherish.
2. **Modern Quilts** - These quilts generally have the following characteristics: Simplified, abstract design; Use of solid fabrics, bold colors, large prints; Negative space is very important in the overall composition; Improvisational piecing may be employed; Upcycled/recycled fabrics are often used; Quilting is restrained, often linear.
3. **Quilts of the Past** - Vintage/Antique Quilts with a story . This category will showcase family pieces of Guild members. This category can include Bicentennial quilts and crazy quilts. These quilts can be of any size.
4. **Quilts of Today**  
**Wall Quilts** This category includes ANY entry that is pieced, embroidered, appliquéd, whole cloth, hand and/or machine quilted specifically made to be hung on the wall. Can include wool appliqué.  
**Bed Quilts** This category includes ANY entry that is pieced, embroidered, appliquéd, whole cloth, hand and/or machine quilted specifically made to be used as a throw or bed covering. Can include wool appliqué.
5. **Art Quilts** These must be an original design by the quilt maker. These may utilize multiple techniques, include embellishments, thread painting, beading, painting on fabric, photography on fabric, etc.
6. **Quilts of Tomorrow**. This category includes wall or bed quilts made by novice quilters; either youth or adults who have quilted less than 3 years . Any quilting form is acceptable but must have 3 layers and be quilted, not tied.

RGVQG Show Board Financial Analysis during Covid 19		
March 1, 2020 Beginning Balance		30,585.78
INCOME	0.00	
EXPENDITURES		
2020 RGV Quilt Guild	12,000.00	
2021 Opportunity Quilt	539.47	
Advertising	350.00	
Office Expense	38.96	
2022 Quilt Show Facility Deposit	4,950.00	
Storage Rentals	1,291.00	
WEB Services - Virtual Quilt Show	295.25	
Sub-Total	19,464.68	
August 31, 2020 Ending Balance		11,121.10

## We Can Do a Silent Auction!

by Debi Warner

- The Quilt Show this year can't do online raffles (Opportunity Quilt and Totes & more) due to Texas laws.
- We can't do Bargain Boutique because of the shipping costs.

But we CAN do a Silent Auction!

### Gift Certificates!

The Show Board thought that we could solve the shipping problem by doing our Silent Auction with Gift Certificates. Some of the gift certificates can even be emailed to save postage.

If you have a hidden talent, we would like you to think about donating a gift certificate! For example, if you:

- Offer Longarm Quilting
- Make Jewelry
- Create quilt designs on your EQ
- Have a favorite restaurant
- Do embroidery
- Have a special pattern
- You can donate a gift certificate for the auction.

### If it fits, it ships!

We will also offer a selection of "If it fits, it ships" boxes for the Silent Auction. Anything that you would put into a Totes & More that can fit into a USPS flat rate box will be auctioned off. With the flat rate boxes, it can weigh up to 70 pounds! Shipping costs will be added to the value of the box.

Instructions for both donations and a form for letting us know about your donation will soon be available on our Guild website. Please watch for our announcement.

Questions? Contact [debi.warner1129@att.net](mailto:debi.warner1129@att.net).

The call is out for a volunteer to be an upcoming Quilt Show **Chairperson** for the **2023** or **2024 Quilt Show?** Volunteer NOW and you have awesome mentors prior to your own show and we contemplate not virtual, do send an e-mail to [president@rgvq.com](mailto:president@rgvq.com) text to 956-272-2377. If you know someone who would be an awesome Chairperson, nominate them and that person will be contacted. REMEMBER: There Can Be No QUILT Show Without A Chairperson! Let's Keep This Quilt Guild function ONGOING!

## Quilting Happenings

by Judy Brown

### New, Interesting Quilt Along

The Fat Quarter Shop has announced an interesting free block-a-week quilt along with 18 fabric designers. This will start on Friday, September 25, 2020, and continue weekly until Friday, June 25, 2021. Each week there will be a new free block pattern, as well as a YouTube Livestream. Each of the 36 blocks use only straight 1/4" seams and no paper piecing or appliqué are used. You can choose block sizes of 3", 6" or 9" finished blocks. Full details as well as fabric requirements are available at <https://blog.fatquartershop.com/announcing-sewcialites-quilt-along/>.



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## Beautiful Things

Another quilt along you may want to consider is "Beautiful Things" by Madi Hastings starts October 13 with a new block every 2 weeks. Details are available at [https://go.flexifuse.com/beautiful\\_things\\_qal\\_1](https://go.flexifuse.com/beautiful_things_qal_1). The quilt "Beautiful things are made 1 stitch at a time" is mainly appliqué with kits and other options available or you can provide your own fabric and fusible.



## Watch on Demand

Did you miss the Great Wisconsin Online Quilt Show last week? They have archived lecture videos, including live presenter Q&A, and have made them available for you to watch anytime on the schedule page at [QuiltShow.com](http://QuiltShow.com). You will recognize a few of our presenters in the past two years, as well Bill Kerr (husband of Weeks Ringle) who had been scheduled for next March, but cancelled travel due to COVID. His and several others are don't miss presentations!

There is no charge, but a donation to Wisconsin Public Television is appreciated.

## How is Fabric Printed?

Ever wonder how fabric is printed? Check out this YouTube video created by Robert Kaufman CEO, Ken Kaufman, to give all quilters a behind-the-scenes look at the printing process. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsc3y38jLjs>

## Invitation for Guests to Attend Guild Meetings

Guests are encouraged to attend the monthly Guild meeting either in person or Zoom.

It is now easy to register to attend the Zoom meetings.

Procedure:

1. Go to the Guild website: [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)
2. Locate the Guild Zoom Meeting Announcement
3. Click the "Guest Register Here" tab
4. Complete the Registration
5. Click Submit
6. The Guest will receive a confirmation email for registering.

The Thursday prior to the Guild Zoom Meeting, the Zoom link to attend the meeting will be sent to the guest.

## Proposed By-Law Changes

Proposed amendments and additions to the Bylaws are recorded in the minutes of the last General meeting which is published in this newsletter. The minutes also include some discussion of the issues concerning some members. If you have additional questions or comments, they can be addressed at the October general meeting.

These amendments and additions will be voted on at the November meeting.

## Community Service

by Chris Cowan

	Items	Hours	Value
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020	1137	8405	\$67,627.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020	571	434.4	\$3149.40
+ \$250 cash donation			\$3399.40
July 2020	22	168	\$1218.00
August 2020	880	1140	\$8265.00

For being in the midst of a pandemic, over \$80,000 worth of volunteer hours is amazingly wonderful! But from what I hear there has been much, much more done that has not been reported yet!

Please use the wonderful new form online and report your community service! If you prefer paper, please make sure to print the latest version posted on the website.

Kudos to the Pharr South group that made over 800 masks!

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## Opportunity Quilt 2021

by Sarah Reed

As most of you already know we are holding a virtual quilt show this year and will not be selling Opportunity Quilt tickets. Instead, the items will be auctioned off. Please do not sell anymore tickets. If you have turned in money I have contacted you by email, if you don't receive it please email me at [opportunityquilt@rgvqg.com](mailto:opportunityquilt@rgvqg.com).

In lieu of selling tickets, it would be awesome if you would consider donating that \$20 to the Virtual Quilt Show. It would really help the Guild out a lot, as this is our biggest funds producer to keep the Guild intact.

I've appreciated everything you all have done over the past years and we hope to be back to normal in 2022.

## Military Service

by Lucy Klass and Pam Manley

We had quite a few quilt tops to be bundled. Seven Alamo Row Quilters and friends stepped up and we now have 31 bundled and 8 are on their way to a longarmer. Extra special thanks go to Elaine Hall who directed the bundling and Sharon Crosswhite who graciously volunteered to quilt some of the bundles. The following month we prepared for more bundling and have a date set to create more bundles. Elaine Hall once again graciously helped us, and Doris Anderson pitched in as well and plans to quilt some quilts on her longarm. We still need some quilting angels, using either longarm or domestic machines.

We have more flimsies (tops) to bundle, but are almost out of backing fabric. There is approximately one and a half rolls of batting to use after our recent activities. There are some pieces of fabric which can be made into blocks.

We are hoping for donations of backing fabric suitable to back more quilts as there are approximately 60 more to bundle, and we have enough backing fabric for just a few. Cash or yardage to support this effort would be most welcome.

We are looking for more people to piece blocks, and are exploring creative ways to accomplish this using Zoom. If you have suggestions about Military Service Quilts, please let us know.

So far this year, there have been 99 quilts and 45 lap quilts distributed to veterans.

We look forward to having some quilts ready for Veterans Day in November.

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.  
— Vince Lombardi

## Programs

by Laural Powell

October Program: For the program at the October Guild meeting, Laural Powell will be doing a presentation on Quilted Postcards. She will also be sharing information on an opportunity for another Members' Exchange.



Do you have a favorite technique or tool, on which you would be willing to do a presentation?

Is there someone who has done a great presentation at one of your Bee meetings? We are looking for speakers to do a presentation at a monthly Guild meeting.

We are also looking for speakers willing to enter into an exchange program with other guilds.



If you are interested or know of someone who might be, contact Laural Powell at [programs@rgvqg.com](mailto:programs@rgvqg.com)

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## Houston Quilt Festival

Although the Quilt Festival originally scheduled for October has been cancelled, there will be a virtual online event on December 3-5. This event includes exhibitors, quilt displays and competitions, and education, including classes and lectures. If you have been unable to attend in the past in person, you may want to consider this December virtual event. Details will be available at [quilts.com](http://quilts.com).

## Document Camera

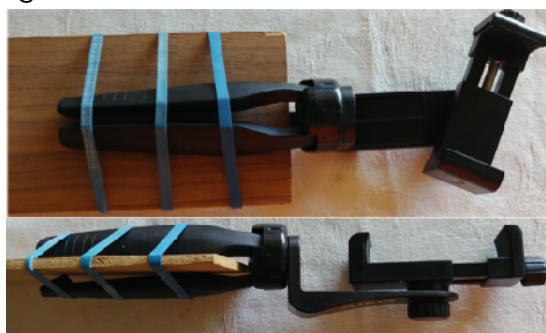
by Diana Wolf

Easiest close up presentation or document camera

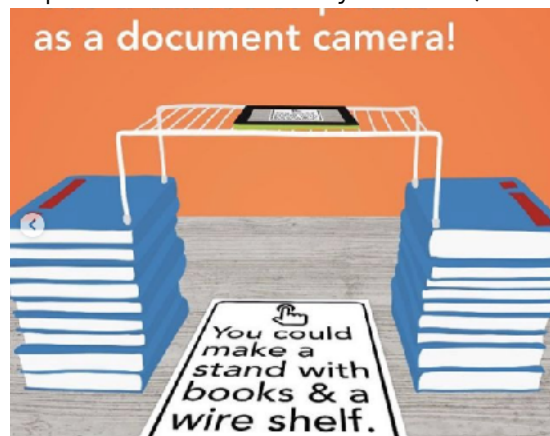
So, you want to capture a small area while someone is doing a presentation? Think about this.

Get a narrowish (technical term, grin) board, about 6 to 8 inch webcam or cellphone tripod, and some rubber bands. Have the narrowish board be about 18 inches long.

Assemble as shown below, place the board on top of a suitable height box, weight down the plain end with some books and voila! Note two legs are on one side of the board, and the other is on top. Adjust the height of the box as needed. If you unscrew the cell phone holder, most webcams will mount in the same place in the same way. Place the board on top of a box, cardboard or wood, of the appropriate height, and weight down the flat end with books. Extend the board and camera out over the edge of the box to the desired location.



Hint: To make it easier for the presenter, mark off a rectangle slightly bigger than the area the camera captures with tape. (It should be just out of sight when the presentation is seen by students).





# TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM

*History in the Making*

LA GRANGE, TEXAS – September 8, 2020 – The upcoming autumn exhibits at the Texas Quilt Museum virtually *soar* with a retrospective for one of quilting’s biggest superstars and an avian-themed juried show that really takes flight! **Picture Perfect: Quilts by Cynthia England** and **Flying High: For the Love of Birds** will be on display from **September 24-December 30**.

Noted art quilt collector and Museum supporter **Frank Klein** will give a free gallery talk for *Flying High* on Saturday, September 26, at 3 pm.

**Picture Perfect: Quilts by Cynthia England** features 13 remarkable quilts by England, who perfected her representational piecing technique in 1992.

She is recognized internationally as an author, pattern designer, and fiber artist, and has won many competition awards including three Best of Show prizes at International Quilt Association’s annual Judged Show in Houston. Experimentation with quilting techniques led her to develop her own unique style, “picture piecing,” for interpreting photographs in spectacular pictorial quilts.

“In this process, she breaks down the picture into very small sections that can be sewn using straight seams exclusively. Viewers find it difficult to believe that paper piecing is not at all part of England’s technique,” says Museum Curator Dr. Sandra Sider.

In addition, England is the designer and owner of England Design Studios, a publishing/pattern company specializing in the picture-piecing technique with more than 75 patterns to her credit. She has also produced two books and a video explaining the process. *This exhibit will be the*

*subject of a special Museum Monograph, available for purchase.*



*Piece and Quiet* (62" x 78,") by Cynthia England, 1993, photo by Ken Wagner. From the exhibit *Picture Perfect: Quilts by Cynthia England*.

**Flying High: For the Love of Birds** will feature 41 quilts curated by Museum co-directors Karey Bresenhan and Nancy O’Bryant Puentes. This visually exciting collection of art and contemporary traditional quilts celebrates our feathered friends and the many ways in which they help sustain our ecosystems.

The quilts depict water birds, including pelicans, egrets, ducks, an osprey, and a swan. Several artists created with a more abstract approach, using the colors and patterns of feathers for their striking artworks, while traditionally appliquéd quilts treat viewers to vividly ornamental interpretations of birds.

Dr. Sider says “This timely exhibition reminds us of the beauty and power of nature, as well as the vital

importance of natural resources in maintaining the checks and balances of our own habitats." *Flying High* is sponsored by the Lucille Gaebler Klein Fund.

To inquire about booking the touring exhibition of *Flying High*, please email Dr. Sandra Sider at [curator@texasquiltmuseum.org](mailto:curator@texasquiltmuseum.org).



***The Great One (44" x 30")*** by Melanie Marr. From the exhibit *Flying High: For the Love of Birds*.

In accordance with coronavirus-related guidelines set by the city of La Grange and the state of Texas, masks will be required for all Museumgoers. The Museum will also have reduced visitor capacity, asks that guests observe social distancing in the galleries, and will have extra hand sanitizer stations have been placed throughout the building.

The Texas Quilt Museum is located at 140 W. Colorado St., La Grange, TX 78945. It is open Thurs.-Sat. from 10 am-4 pm. Learn more at [www.TexasQuiltMuseum.org](http://www.TexasQuiltMuseum.org). You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter. Media: For visuals or interviews, contact Bob Ruggiero, Vice President of Communications for Quilts, Inc., at [bobr@quilts.com](mailto:bobr@quilts.com).

## Quilting Suggestions

by Marty Morrison

Figuring how much material you need for borders, backing, and binding—this may be useful. Robert Kaufman Fabrics created an app that will do the math for you, just enter some numbers and you will get the answer quickly. Go to your app store (on your I-phone or I-pad) and enter "Robert Kaufman Quilting Calculator" to find and install the app. Then you are ready to do some calculating.

There are many more places to look and shop—if you have a favorite. Just email your name and the website to Marty Morrison at [whiskers1947@earthlink.net](mailto:whiskers1947@earthlink.net) with a "Subject" of Quilt Suggestions. This may become a new section in the Newsletter (changing websites each month). The RGVQG does not endorse any of the websites that the members submit for this article.

Here are some favorites from Marty Morrison:

- <https://www.anniescatalog.com> Lots of variety
- <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/> Missouri Star Quilt -- Hamilton, Missouri
- <https://nancysnotions.com> I found the umbrella frames here

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## Fat Quarter Draw

by Jan Baethke

Oh, My...I am so missing seeing all of your smiling faces each month at our Guild meetings as you would come to Esther Schmidt and me with your crisp dollars, five dollars, and a few ten dollars to buy your chances on a beautiful bundle of Fat Quarters. I have two zippy totes all ready to go just waiting for our "in person" meetings to start up again. Sooooo, I have an idea...I'm going to find an envelope, and each month now until we meet in person again, I will put my "crisp" dollars that I would usually spend each month, in that envelope. Then I will be ready to buy lucky Fat Quarter Draw tickets when I will be able to see you in person.

Will you join me in doing this? Stay Safe, I hope to see your smiling faces on our next Zoom Meeting!

# Guild General Meeting

by Diana Wolf

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Called to order at 10:11 am by Kathe Letulle, President.

There were 84 present on the call and a quorum established.

Some housekeeping issues were addressed, such as always mute unless asking a question, how important it is to have your full name displayed on your picture so attendance can be taken and prizes awarded, how to ask questions using "Chat" in Zoom.

Secretary - Diana Wolf - Minutes of the March 2020 general meeting were approved to be filed.

Treasurer - Diane Tewell - submitted the following report:

Month	INCOME	EXPENSES	ENDING BALANCE
			9878.21
March	13,000.00	1,043.85	21,834.36
April	122.71	1,849.13	20,107.94
May	0	10.00	20,097.94
June	496.000	3,894.64	16,699.30
July	676.91	3,878.84	13,497.37
August	68.15	2,068.30	11,497.22

Further discussion mentioned some large expenditures over the summer, approximately \$1,650.00 for a storage unit, a scholarship check was cashed in June for \$2,000.00, another for the same amount in July. In April, the Quilt Show committee was paid their portion of PayPal payments in the amount of \$1,175.00. Angela Walters, the national speaker and Program teacher in March, submitted her invoice of \$3,600.00 in June. It was noted we have saved some money by not renting the Hall at Trophy Gardens for either general or board meetings. It was also noted that member donations covered the cost of the Zoom subscription for a year so this expense was not paid

from budgeted Guild funds. The current Zoom subscription for the year costs \$180.00, but may have an increase of \$54.00 when there are over 100 participants in a meeting. This \$54.00 figure is only paid in months when online attendance is over 100 people and is not a recurring subscription fee.

The Treasurer's report was approved for audit.

Kathe Letulle announced there is planned a Meet and Greet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. This will help everyone stay in touch, and will help you practice using Zoom. Links to Zoom meetings are sent by email, so check your inbox for updates.

Debi Warner presented an entertaining and informative seminar on making a simple and easy small bag. She plans to post the instructions to the Guild Facebook page as a PDF file. It became obvious that more Zoom experience is needed by members and Zoom coordinators.

Show Board committee - Laurie Magee - The committee has subdivided into three groups; e-commerce, quilt gallery, and education. Additionally, there will be a second, separate website for the Show. It will also enable ongoing e-commerce for the Guild after the Show ends.

The categories for quilt entries into the Show have been reduced. More information will be available in the newsletter and on the Guild website. A display is planned of vintage sewing paraphernalia such as sewing kits, pincushions tape measures and so forth.

June Borneman, and her husband, Dale, have volunteered to take pictures of quilts for the virtual quilt show. They have some special equipment and set up to provide some excellent pictures for those quilts present in the Valley. Several shots will be taken for viewing by the virtual show attendees. For those quilts not available in the Valley, more information about how to take quilt pictures will be on the website and printed in the newsletter. Some sample pictures of the quilts and sewing paraphernalia were shown. Contact June directly to make an appointment to photograph your quilt(s). June does want a hanging sleeve on your quilt. The

maximum width to photograph is 120 inches but low 100s would be better.

The e-commerce part of the Quilt Show has been divided into three parts, a Tip Jar for donations, a Vendor Mall in which the vendors will pay a modest fee to be present, and a Silent Auction. We cannot have an Opportunity Quilt and cannot raffle anything online as that is against Texas law. The Silent Auction will include one category "If it fits, it ships"! Flat rate boxes will be filled, very filled with items. Additionally, gift certificates are being solicited from members, and from various businesses inside and outside the state.

Several classes will be offered at the Quilt Show and many exciting things are being developed. More information will be forthcoming in the newsletter. Sarah Reed will be contacted about tickets previously sold for the Opportunity Quilt and monies turned in for same.

Historian - Debi Warner - is still strongly pursuing documents about the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Guild. She also plans to take some oral histories from cherished Guild members.

Military Service - Pam Manley and Lucy Klass - 98 quilts and 45 lap quilts were delivered so far this year to veterans. Special thanks to Elaine Hall, Sharon Crosswhite, Doris Anderson, and the ACC quilters. We still need quilting angels, and are hoping for donations of fabric, especially backing fabric. Another bundling day is soon.

Zoom Coordinator - Diane Tewell - Zoom is going well, and at one point there were 84 online today. Several Bees have contacted to schedule their Bee meetings. There are more slots available, so reserve your set soon by contact me. The Zoom coordinators continue to join national training meetings, but there are still kinks to work out. Many guilds are losing significant numbers of members.

Community Service - Chris Cowan - Grand total so far this year is over \$93,000.00 value of community service items for donations. There is an online form to make it easy to report your items. The items carry an amount of time needed to complete an item like

that, and then the number of hours is multiplied by \$7.50 to determine the value of the items. This value helps maintain the Guild's status as a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Please use the online form. Pharr South turned in hours for over 800 masks.

Retreat - Karyn Heaney - The Tennis Ranch has been open for some time. Retreat will go on as planned. Friendship Star is March 15-19, and Blue Bonnet Friends is March 21- 25. Friendship Star is due in full by December 2020 and Blue Bonnet Friendship deposits were rolled over to this coming retreat. Full refunds must be requested for Friendship Star before February 21, 2021, and full refunds must be requested before February 28 for Blue Bonnet. There are some spaces open at Friendship Star retreat.

Membership - Marty Morrison. Presently we have 320 members.

Bylaws Committee - Diana Wolf - The Board has recommended some bylaw changes, and the members will be voting on them at the November general meeting. They are:

Please note the proposed changes appear in **bold** text.

Proposal to change a current standing rule to add a new section to Article 2.

Article 2. Section 04.01

Since the fiscal year for the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild is from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year, we accept any membership for the current year until October 31. Beginning November 1 of the current year, membership dues can be paid for the forthcoming year, giving a new member an additional two months.

The Board also recommends a bylaw change to add the words in **bold** in Article 4, Section 12.01,

The next to last paragraph would read: There shall be no transfer of funds between Guild checking **accounts either to or from the Guild savings account** without prior Board approval.

And, a proposed additional sentence at the end of the same paragraph:

Initial payment to a Quilt Show venue may be made after approval of the Show Board and the Guild Board.

During discussion, the following points were raised. Article 2, Section 04.01 is to clarify the length of membership, and to clearly outline a new member joining on November 1 enjoys an extra two months of membership at no additional cost. It does not change the fiscal year for the Guild.

The next recommendation, Article 4, Section 12.01 is intended to let the Board know in advance if there needs to be transfers from savings to general expenses before such transfer occurs. Our budget and reserves are very low and we are trying to be very careful with expenditures. This does not affect transfers of money between checking accounts, it does not combine any checking accounts. It only affects money movement between the savings account and any other checking account. Should we find ourselves in the pleasant situation of excess funds, the Board should look at possible transfers to savings, but not so much as to run the budget short of cash needed for a year's expenses. We are far from the recommended amount of reserves needed to run an organization of this size.

As to the last sentence above in **bold**, because the Quilt Show is the primary fundraiser for the Guild, and again, the Board is trying to be very careful with funds, the Board wants to be aware of this major expense prior to the date due. The change only affects the funds for the deposit of the venue, and usually the deposit on a venue is substantial. Also, the Show Board is actually a committee and large committee expenditures are generally run past the Guild Board anyway.

These changes will be discussed more at the October meeting, and voted on at the November meeting.

Sunshine and Shadows - Jackie Landon - several cards have been sent. If anyone knows of someone

who should be sent a card or needs a little extra boost, please let her know.

Newsletter - Judy Brown - newsletter articles are due this coming Monday, September 14. Please send in your articles on time or before.

Membership cards will be emailed this year, to save on postage.

Door prizes - There were 44 member names drawn randomly from the 320 members of the Guild. 84 members present (at one time) on Zoom. Only 1 of out of the 9 members present were still on during the Door prize drawing. So, we had to draw numbers from those who were still present to get winners.

And the winners are:

Ann Alexander - Edinburg, Texas  
Jan Baethke - Harlingen, Texas  
Chris Cowan - Edinburg, Texas  
Terry Davis - Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin  
Maggie Loney - Palmview, Texas  
Linda Osborne - Colorado Springs,

Colorado

Millie Peach - Perham, Minnesota  
Jan Rondeau - Donna, Texas  
Rachel Skye - Alburon, Washington  
Diane Tewell - Harlingen, Texas

Show and Tell was presented by Judy Brown. Members shared more information as their quilts were shown.

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 AM, Central Time on October 10, Saturday on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 PM.

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## SAGA's Benefit Auction

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The annual Benefit Auction is SAQA's premier fundraising event takes place online from September 11 through October 4. There are almost 500 pieces of beautiful art quilts available. Details as well as viewing of the auction pieces are available at <https://www.saqa.com/auction>.



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