



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 32, Weslaco, TX 78599 - rgvqg.com

President's Threads That Bind

by *Kathe Letulle*

Henry Ford said "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success". Believe me when I say that 2020 has been a year of total change for each member of the Guild. Not all issues have been resolved with all the changes your Guild has had to undertake, but we are steadily moving one step at a time in the right direction. Undertaking the challenge presented by Covid-19 has resulted in doing the unthinkable. I am reminded each day that you can "TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS". As a group, we are communicating through Zoom, (continual learning and educating) for each Board Meeting, Business Meeting, Bee Meeting and as individuals via video conferencing with Physician appointments, family gatherings, and a hundred other reasons, we all have had to adapt to new ways of communication plus this is scary. I love this quote from Bethany Hamilton - "Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. It means you don't let fear stop you". Yes, it is natural to be fearful of new changes. So we all must come together to keep our Guild strong and successful and at the moment, Zoom is our avenue. Your Boards are working hard to keep the Guild family going, because we all want to do things together.

The Guild Meeting on Saturday, October 10th, was awesome. Glad to see so many friends that make up our Guild family. The new time for future Guild Meetings will be 9 AM Central Time in order to clear the remainder of your day. We are all learning more

each meeting how to communicate via Zoom. Stick with us and will all get through this together. We are a TEAM!

Read all the articles in every newsletter to stay in tune with the goings on of your Guild.

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 - November 14th at 9 AM Central Time.

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

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

Another Meet and Greet

Looking forward to our next Meet and Greet on Saturday, October 24th at 10 AM Central Time. Zoom assistance is always there to help everyone. Friendships have been formed within the members of our Guild, and fortifying these friendships is so important. Remember the Zoom link to the Meet and Greet will be emailed on the Thursday prior – again so it is handy. If you do not receive the link, contact Bonnie Hall at webmaster1@rgvqg.com.

It will sure warm the hearts of all to see more smiling faces on October 24th to visit again.

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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Guild Meeting - Annual Business Meeting

The November Guild Meeting is the Annual Business Meeting. A few housekeeping chores will be necessary - Voting for new officers and By-Law changes. Looking forward to seeing all smiling faces,

Be sure to watch for the "Zoom Invitation Link To Join" email for the November 14, 2020, Guild Meeting - 9 AM 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 for further guest information – we are currently working to make this happen. Reminder - each meeting Zoom link is unique NOT recurring.

Zoom Housekeeping Help

Have you ever wanted to know, but were afraid to ask? Then ask your Zoom Coordinator - Diane Tewell (ZCoor@rgvqg.com) to assist you in Zoom training. She can set up training classes – your Guild Zoom Volunteers are here to get you comfortable with Zoom or even a refresher course. We miss our members of the Guild at the Meet and Greets and Monthly Meetings. At every meeting, there will be Housekeeping assistance with your device and believe me we all need reminding as we do not use Zoom on a daily basis. Remember - Diane Tewell is your Zoom Coordinator (ZCoor@rgvqg.com) and can assist connecting you with the correct device trainer for any assistance.



Treasurer Report

by Diane Tewell

September Treasurers Report

September 1

Beginning Checking Balance	\$11,497.22
Expenditures	\$ 341.12
Income	\$ 93.30

September 30

Ending Checking Balance	\$11,249.40
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No outstanding checks.

September 30 Savings Balance	\$33,156.72
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See Budget information on pages 4 and 5.

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

	Items	Hours	Value
September 2020	194	591	\$4,284.75
3rd Quarter 2020	1096	1899	\$13,767.75

Thank you to those submitting online reports! And yes I know we still have a few things to add to the choices. We had some wonderful fabric cards donated to a nursing home that were not able to be submitted for credit online. It's a work in progress!

Thanks for all the hard work, our communities are surely benefitting and grateful.

Show and Tell at Meetings

It is of great interest to present Show and Tell from members at each Guild meeting. If you would like to participate in Show and Tell, please send a picture (high resolution), pattern designer, fabrics, kit, who pieced the project, who quilted the project, personal story, etc., to president@rgvqg.com and advise which Guild meeting, November or December, you would like to share and talk about your project. Thanks in advance for sharing!

Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

Remember that you can Zoom from anywhere—so this means that you can also be a RGVOG 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

The fiscal year is from January 1 through December 31. Beginning now any 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. Please let me know if you need assistance. Marty Morrison (membership@rgvqg.com) or 816-686-3467

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

2020
RGVQG QUARTERLY REPORT & ANNUAL BUDGET

	1st QUARTER	2nd QUARTER	3rd QUARTER	4th QUARTER	YTD TOTALS	BUDGET	BALANCE
INCOME							
Donations	\$ 8.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 132.11		\$ 261.11	\$ -	\$ 129.00
1 year Zoom Pro			\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Military Service Quilts		\$ 496.00	\$ -		\$ 496.00	\$ -	\$ 496.00
Fat Quarter Drawing	\$ 506.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 506.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (494.00)
Guests & Fines	\$ 347.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 347.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 197.00
Membership - Minus Refunds	\$ 3,290.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 180.00		\$ 3,560.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (3,940.00)
MISC Income (Table Rentals, etc.)		\$ -	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00	\$ 73.00	\$ (33.00)
Newsletter Advertising	\$ 160.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -		\$ 170.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (330.00)
Programs - Minus Refunds							
6 Classes - 20 students	\$ 356.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 356.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ (3,044.00)
Quilt Show	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
School House - Minus Refunds							
5 classes - 15 students	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 40.00	\$ 750.00	\$ (710.00)
TOTALS	\$ 16,707.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 502.11	\$ -	\$ 17,019.00	\$ 25,373.00	\$ (8,063.89)
EXPENSES							
Bank Service Charge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bee Keeper (Upper & Lower Valley)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Community Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
Fat Quarter Drawing	\$ 330.70	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 330.70	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (669.30)
Friendship Day	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
Gift Certificates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
Guests & Fines	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ (15.00)
Legal Fees - State		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ (25.00)
Insurance - Liability - Annual		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 855.00	\$ (855.00)
Insurance - Bonding - Annual		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 247.00	\$ (247.00)
Library		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
Membership	\$ 110.44	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 110.44	\$ 125.00	\$ (14.56)
Memorial Flowers		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
Military Service Quilts	\$ 821.86	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 821.86	\$ 500.00	\$ 321.86
Newsletter		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ (40.00)
Office Supplies	\$ 30.95	\$ -	\$ 77.70		\$ 108.65	\$ 100.00	\$ 8.65
PayPal Fees	\$ 104.60	\$ 4.25	\$ 6.80		\$ 115.65	\$ 250.00	\$ (134.35)
Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
President - Door Prizes, Departing Officers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 95.00	\$ (95.00)
Programs	\$ 3,179.71	\$ 3,606.69	\$ -		\$ 6,786.40	\$ 11,375.00	\$ (4,588.60)
Room Rentals - 6 Classes - \$50	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200.00	\$ 450.00	\$ (250.00)
Program Chair Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Publicity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
QuickBooks Program - Annual	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 287.82		\$ 287.82	\$ 307.00	\$ (19.18)
Rentals - Board & Guild Meetings	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ (3,150.00)
Rentals - Post Office Box - Annual	\$ 148.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 148.00	\$ 134.00	\$ 14.00
Rentals - Storage Unit - Annual	\$ -	\$ 1,539.00	\$ -		\$ 1,539.00	\$ 1,539.00	\$ -
Scholarships - Officers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships - College	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,065.00	\$ 1,935.00
Schoolhouse - Instructors - 5 - \$50	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Room Rentals - Classes - 5 - \$50	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50.00	\$ 375.00	\$ (325.00)
Schoolhouse Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Sunshine & Shadows	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 16.00	\$ (16.00)
Web Service - Annual Pay	\$ 18.17	\$ -	\$ 249.44		\$ 267.61	\$ 300.00	\$ (32.39)
Zoom Video Communications			\$ 127.84		\$ 127.84		
Zoom - 500 Participants			\$ 106.60		\$ 106.60		
Zoom - Training Session			\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00		
Youth Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
TOTALS	\$ 6,304.43	\$ 7,149.94	\$ 2,871.20	\$ -	\$ 16,325.57	\$ 25,373.00	\$ (9,047.43)

2021 Proposed Budget

Income	
Donations	\$200.00
Fat Quarter Draw	\$200.00
Guests & Fines	\$0.00
Membership (\$30x250)	\$7,500.00
Other Income	\$0.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$400.00
Programs - Classes	\$4,100.00
Quilt Show	\$0.00
School House. - 3 classes @\$20x15	\$900.00
TOTALS	\$13,300.00

Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	\$0.00
Bee Keeper	\$0.00
Community Service	\$0.00
Fat Quarter Draw	\$100.00
Friendship Day	\$175.00
Gift Certificates	\$0.00
Guests & Fines	\$0.00
Legal Fees - State	\$25.00
Insurance - Liability	\$855.00
Insurance - Bonding	\$247.00
Library	\$0.00
Membership	\$200.00
Memorial Flowers	\$0.00

Expenses (continued)	
Military Service Quilts	\$300.00
Newsletter	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00
PayPal Fees	\$650.00
Printing	\$0.00
President - Door Prizes	\$0.00
Programs	\$4,000.00
Program Chair Expenses	\$100.00
Publicity	\$0.00
QuickBooks Program	\$270.00
Rentals - Board & Guild Mtg - O-N-D	\$1,050.00
Rentals - Program Class - 1 class	\$50.00
Rentals - Post Office Box	\$148.00
Rentals - Schoolhouse Class - 3 classes	\$150.00
Rentals - Storage Unit	\$1,540.00
Scholarships - Officers	\$0.00
Scholarships - College	\$2,000.00
Schoolhouse - Instructors (\$50x3)	\$150.00
Sunshine & Shadows	\$25.00
Web Site Service - Annual	\$335.00
Web Service - Zoom - Annual	\$180.00
Web Service - Zoom Add-ons	\$650.00
Youth Education	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$13,300.00

Zoom Update

by Diane Tewell

Our zoom program is going great, we have had more Bee's signing up, But we still have several time slots available. If you have not tried Zoom with your family or friends, please give it a try. The Zoom coordinators are here to help you, just send us an email at zcoor@rgvqq.com

Hints and tidbits for attending or conducting a Zoom meeting;

- On your on-screen picture, check your name. If this is not your name, please rename yourself. To do this, on your picture there are 3 dots, click on the dots, one of the selections will be to rename yourself, click and type in your name, full name, please.
- If you are on a phone or tablet/iPad turn them sideways, you will have a better view.
- Please keep yourself muted. Your microphone will pick up a lot of background noise from you home. The microphone icon will have a red line thru it the you are muted. You can easily unmute yourself to talk...just remember to mute yourself again after speaking.
- There is a "Chat" button. This give you the ability to send a message to the Host or to a friend. Chat is set to send a message to "everyone," to send a chat to a certain person, click on their name in the participants list, "more" will pop up, just click on "chat". Your message will be private.
- If you have a question, you can "raise your hand". To do this, click on "participants". The "blue raise hand" icon is located at bottom of the list, next to the Yes, No, etc.... When you "raise your hand" your name will pop to the top of the participants list so we can see your name easily.
- When viewing the meeting, on the "View" option you can pick to have Speaker view or Gallery view. Check them out to see which one you like better.

- When someone is speaking, or during Show & Tell, to better see them you can "Pin" them front and center by clicking on their picture, click on the 3 dots, one of the selections is "Pin". You then unpin them, click on "unpin". You can then go back to Gallery view to see everyone by clicking the "View" button.
- When there is a special Speaker and they are screen sharing their power point presentation or demo, the best view for us is Gallery View.

The most important thing to remember...When you want to leave a meeting or when the meeting is over, **you must click the "Leave" button.**

You are then signed off of Zoom, if you do not click the "leave" button, you technically will still be in the Zoom meeting. Closing or turning off your device will not disconnect you from Zoom.

Academic Scholarship Committee

by Evelyn Fincher

I sent corrections to the 2021 Academic Scholarship application to Bonnie Hall, Webmaster, and she has made the changes to the Guild website. This committee's budget is \$2,000-\$1,000 each for 2 students. Upon budget approval at the November meeting, I will send notice of scholarship letters to Rio Grande Valley high school counselors with a copy to their Art Departments. In order to trim committee postage and printing costs, I do not plan to send letters to rural high schools who have never responded to our mailings.

Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon

If you know of anyone in our Guild membership that needs a boost, is sick, or has a death in the family, or just a little cheering up from us, please let me know at sunshine@rgvqq.com. In September I sent out 9 cards to those who were in several of these categories. I'm sure they were well received.

Retreat

by Karyn Heaney

Happy Fall, Y'all. Retreat is approaching. I am looking forward to retreat this year more than any other year. It will be so great to be together.

A few reminders:

Friendship Star: March 15 - 19, 2021

1. Nancy Brooks asked everyone to make an item for a door prize. Cannot wait to see what everyone brings.
2. Retreat must be paid in full by December 2020.
3. Last day to receive a full refund is February 21, 2021.

Bluebonnet Friends: March 21 - 25, 2021

1. The challenge is still on. I have fabric if anyone has misplaced their FQ. The rules are simple. Can only use at least a 2" square of the FQ or any portion of but no more than a FQ of the challenge fabric. You can make anything and add as many other fabrics as you desire. We will display and vote on the items. Prized will be awarded.
2. Last day to receive a full refund is February 28, 2021.

If you have a question or comment, please contact me. I am in the Directory.

By Law Changes and Nominations

by Diana Wolf

In November, the members will be voting on Bylaws changes recommended by the Board. They clarify a customary practice, clarify, and standardizes some fiscal practices with the purpose of conserving Guild funds.

Proposal to add the following:

Membership Fees and Dues - 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.

Reasoning: This clarifies a customary practice and specifies a new member will enjoy up to 14 months of membership in their first year.

Treasurer - Article 4, Section 12.01

Currently reads: When a check transaction exceeds \$1,500 this will require two (2) signatures.

Proposed change

Any check or debit card transaction on any RGVQG banking account greater than \$1,000 will require prior Guild Board approval.

Reasoning: We propose to lower the amount that requires Board approval and apply this limit to any check or debit card transactions. Examples of expenses that may require Guild Board approval are National speakers, Quilt Show venue deposit, Retreat. If a sudden necessary expenditure arises, the Board can be polled by email or other methods to vote. The Board is trying to be very careful with Guild funds.

If you have any questions about these changes and additions, please contact me. I will answer them as completely as possible.

Please be aware that the **nominees** are:

- Marty Morrison for Membership,
- Chris Cowan for Community Service
- Mike Hall for Treasurer.

2021 Virtual Quilt Show

by Laurie Magee

NEW DATES February 8–14, 2021

Register Your Entries Now!

The registration form is now complete, and links are available on the RGVQG Facebook page, the RGVQG Show Facebook page and the RGVQG home page as well as in this article.



Please plan to register your entries as soon as you feel that they are ready. You do not have to enter all of your items at the same time because Bonnie has created a form that will sort the entries into the correct categories and allow you or June to enter your formal photos at a later date. June does prefer that you register your entries before you take them to her to be photographed so that she can load those pictures directly into your completed entry form.

The form also provides the correct information for photographing and the process for downloading if you are taking your own photographs. When your registration is submitted you will receive emails from the Guild with further directions for your next steps.

The new website is under construction for the 2021 RGVQG Virtual Quilt Show and can be found at rgvquiltshow.org.

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 "Quilts of the Past" 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 might contribute!

You can assist the vendor committee as well. If you are a Winter Texan, you might be aware of an amazing shop somewhere in your home area, that might be perfect for our vendor mall. Remember our vendors will not have to travel and this would be an opportunity for them to reach new customers. You can send these suggestions to Marsha Santow 269-267-1308 at marsha.santow@gmail.com or Marilyn Hensz at henzmarilyn@gmail.com.

Read the newsletter articles from the Marketplace committee and consider the opportunity to create a box for "If It Fits, It Ships". If you have a talent or skill which would allow you to contribute a certificate for the Silent Auction, fill out the appropriate form.

Transportation Assistance for Quilts To Be Photographed:

Mike Hall 740-398-4142 bmmghall@gmail.com.

Entry Photographs and Tips

June Borneman 215-527-9312
djborneman@gmail.com.

Photo Opportunity

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. Please register your entry before you call June for an drop off time.

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 lamilb47@gmail.com or and I will find a way!

Silent Auction: Gift Certificates and Gift Box Donations

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild 2021 Quilt Show is going Virtual - yes Virtual. This means more attendees from all over the world can and will visit our show! WOW

The Silent Auction has 2 components:

Sarah Reed, opportunityquilt@rgvq.com, **Gift Certificates Donations:**

I am in charge of the gift certificate donations for the silent auction. We are looking for gift certificates worth a minimum of \$25.00. If you offer a service (i.e., longarm service, quilt making, quilt repair, any type of sewing service, or craft item, etc.) or would like to purchase a gift certificate from your favorite eatery or store. Please submit a Silent Auction Donation (Certificate) online or contact me directly.
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We appreciate all those who can help the Guild make this the best virtual show possible. Thank you very much! Hugs, Sarah, aka the Opportunity Quilt chair.

Joy Paugh, mdpaugh@gmail.com, **Gift Box Donations** (If It Fits - It Ships).

The Gift Box Donation is a combination of our Small Quilt Auction, Totes and More and Boutique. Themed gift boxes or totes with (for example) chocolate, coffee, Texas, baby, quilt notions, lap quilt, a wall hanging, or a group of items or one item are a few ideas. Pick up a flat rate box from USPS that will best fit your donation. Please submit a Silent Auction Donation (Box) online. The Gift Box Donation will require one picture to show the item(s) being auctioned. Once you have submitted your donation form, please send the image to me.

The Silent Auction Donation form is available online on both the Quilt Show and Forms pages at www.rgvqg.com.

All donation forms must be submitted by January 11, 2021.

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, so send an e-mail to 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!

Early Registration for Quilts and Vintage Sewing Paraphernalia is Appreciated

Programs

by Laural Powell

Upcoming Events

October 21st – 9 AM – 1 PM - Quilted Postcards Zoom Sew-A-Long (please email programs@rgvqg.com to request the Zoom link)

October 24th – 10 AM - Zoom Meet & Greet

November 14th – 9 AM - Guild Meeting - Elections - Program "Morse Code Quilts" by Laural Powell

November 18th – 9 AM – 1 PM or 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Holiday Table Runner (Wall Hanging) Zoom Mystery - **Special One Time Only** \$10.00 Fee (sign-up at rgvqg.com) - Laural Powell will be the lead detective helping you uncover the clues - Limited to 25 participants per session.

December 12th – 9 AM - Guild Meeting - Zoom Friendship Day - We will have Quilters' Bingo, an ornament demo, and hopefully members will show off some quilted postcard they have received.

Holiday Table Runner Mystery

Due to the Pandemic and moving to Zoom, the Guild is offering a **Special One Time Only** \$10.00 Class!



Join Laural on Zoom, November the 18th, we work our way through the clues of this Holiday project, which could be a table runner or even a wall hanging. You can sign up on the Guild's website at rgvqg.com, for a morning session (9 AM - 1 PM) or an afternoon Session (1:30 PM - 5:30 PM). Each session will be limited to 25 participants.

Military Service

by Lucy Klass and Pam Manley

In September, we bundled 22 quilts and now have 12 of those completed. We will be virtually

presenting some programs for Veterans in November.

Thank you for all you do so we are able to have quilts to present to the Veterans.

Audit Committee Volunteers

In order to audit the Guild Financials, 3 volunteers are asked to complete this task. The volunteer must have a working knowledge of bookkeeping and be available on January 4 and 5, 2021. The volunteers will review the Guilds financial statements, documents, data and accounting entries. They will also report on information from the Guilds QuickBooks, account balances, cash flow statements, income statements, balance sheets, and internal control systems.

The audit report will be presented at the Guild Board Meeting on January 6, 2021, and the Guild Membership Meeting on January 9, 2021. If you are interested, submit your request to president@rgvqg.com. Thank you in advance.

Quilting Suggestions

by Marty Morrison

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 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 Dale Shafer:

There are so many!

- www.hancocks-paducah.com – they carry everything
- www.hickorystickquiltshop.com – love it so much in person
- www.fatquartershop.com – lots of special deals



Killer Bees

Zoom, ZOOM, ZOOMING!!! Don't be afraid. Give it a try! Our quilt bees are so lucky to be able to use the Guild's Zoom account to keep our meetings going. I'm with the Killer Bees and we've been meeting ever since our RGVQG starting Zooming. It is so great to be able to see and talk to all of our members (who have jumped into the Zoom Pool) even though they're still "up north". Colorado, Ohio, Canada, Minnesota, and sometimes even when they're traveling down the highway! Really! Keep in touch AND keep going via Zoom. **NOW...**the Guild has a wonderful group of our members who will help you get your bee started zooming. Contact Diane Tewell at zcoor@rgvqg.com

Thanks for reading...See you soon on Zoom! Jan Baethke

Winter Haven Border Quilters

The Winter Haven Border Quilters have been meeting via Zoom since August 18. Some of us have attended the Guild's training sessions and the rest of us are learning as we go along. Debbie Williams is our Zoom coordinator. Diane Tewell has been most helpful getting us through some challenges.

Every other Tuesday, the Zoom meeting is a general meeting with the highlight being a "Show and Tell" session. Quilters send photos of their projects to Debbie who puts them in to a PowerPoint slide show. Alternate Tuesdays are devoted to a mystery quilt project. Directions or "clues" are sent out shortly before the meeting. Meeting time consists of further explanation with photos, questions, and general discussion.

We are grateful to the RGVQG for providing us with this opportunity to keep in touch with our fellow quilters during these challenging times. Seeing familiar faces, communicating with our quilting

friends, sharing our love of quilting is wonderful, thanks to the Guild.

Honey Bees

The Honey Bees have had their summer bi-weekly meetings via Zoom. Nancy Tatro has done an excellent job of hosting the meetings and teaching fellow Bee members how to navigate the program. The Bee has actually purchased the program and plans to conduct the weekly meetings via Zoom when the season starts in November. As many as 20 people have participated in the virtual meetings. We all are learning the process with the help of our President Nancy Tatro. The members of the RGVQG have been a tremendous help in getting this going. The plan is to have all our classes via Zoom for the time being. We have a full schedule of meetings and classes each week when the season starts in November.

Row Quilters

The Row Quilters usually meet on Friday's at Alamo Country Clubhouse, we are doing Zoom meetings. Each week we are becoming more familiar with Zoom. Now some members are beginning to meet at the clubhouse to sew and others are still at home sewing and using Zoom. It is a great way to see and talk with friends.

Our group pattern this year is "Gypsy Wife," but each one is choosing their own colors to use in this busy quilt, lots of different blocks. Some in the group have finished theirs, and others are still working on them. It will be great to display them together in the 2021 Virtual Quilt Show.

! Happy Halloween ! Stay safe and healthy during these COVID-19 times.

Alamo Country Club Quilters

The ACC quilters have been meeting weekly regularly on Zoom. It was amazing to have a class on a star block taught by a member who was in

Iowa at the time, Judy Blum. We were asked to use blue fabric for the stars and white or neutral for the background. Most participants donated their blocks to the military service quilt project to be assembled into quilts. Another demo was presented by a member who was in Manitoba. It was so good to see friends that were out of the Valley presently.

Some meetings have been largely Show and Tell followed by a Sit and Sew for the remaining time. It's one way to be together remotely. At some meetings, several of us near physically but socially distanced while the Zoom meeting was occurring. It's the best of both worlds under the current conditions.

Llano Grande Lake Park Quilting Bee

The Llano Quilting Bee is going to Zoom for their weekly meetings beginning November 2. We are very pleased that the Guild has allowed us to use the Guild Zoom account. All Bee's may use this account. Our Bee has had three Meet and Greet sessions. The first session we had 15 attendees. The second we had 29 attendees. Our next Meet and Greet is October 19. There are two purposes to our Meet and Greet sessions. First, it is seeing all our members. Second, is learning how to use and be comfortable in the Zoom setting. Due to the pandemic, we knew many of our past year members were not traveling to the Rio Grande Valley, especially the Canadian members. By using Zoom, we can maintain our members regardless of where they are this season. Thank you RGVQG for purchasing and sharing Zoom!

Joy Paugh, President, Llano Grande Lake Park Quilting Bee

May your bobbin be full and your seam ripper covered in dust!

Sew N Sew Bee

"Welcome to Zoom our new normal!"

This was my greeting as each of the Sew N Sew Bee joined in at our first (and only meeting) of this 2020 fall season. We held our initial Meet and Greet on Tuesday, September 29 and were able to catch up with where we were physically—only one in The Valley, a couple in Canada, a couple in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin were also represented. Several of our quilters had previous commitments and were unable to join us. For some the idea of not being able to meet as we have for years is really hard. Having to wear a mask is out of the comfort zone of several. Our Canadian members know that they're restricted from traveling to the US until the situation becomes stable or Covid-19 is gone. One great possibility of keeping connected to them is through Zoom!

RGVQG has graciously offered to host a 2 hour get together for each Bee in the valley where there is at least one Guild Member, free of charge to the Bee! It is easy to contact Diane Tewell, to sign up and I can almost guarantee you'll have some fun and you'll learn a whole lot. Personally, I've had six other Zoom experiences outside of the RGVQG and each has been a learning experience. An old dog, even an old dog quilter, can learn how to do this!

Contact Diane! This is what she told me:

A Basic Zoom account is free. You download the Zoom app and create your own account. You can schedule a meeting for anytime and send your own invitations.

1. From the Zoom app. Sign-in
2. "Schedule a Meeting"
3. Topic - Name or Description for your meeting - Bee Meeting, Bee demo, etc.
4. Date, time, to-from
5. If you want, you can schedule repeated meetings weekly, same day, same time...check the "Recurring meeting". When you do this, the meetings will have

the same "Meeting link, Meeting ID # and Passcode #". You will not need to resend or reschedule each meeting each week, Your members would need to keep the original email to have the "link" to join all of the meetings. Or if they have created their own accounts, they can sign-in thru their account using the Meeting ID # and Passcode #.

6. I always leave the "Video" settings as they are.
7. I have a "Google Calendar," so I click that selection, to add my meetings to this.
8. In the Advanced Options: I only select "Enable join before host" and "Mute participants upon entry".
9. On the next screen is your invitation to send to your invitees. Click the blue "Copy Invitation" box.
10. Go to your email account to send the invitation. "Paste" the invitation into the email.

Within the invitation you can edit, delete wording, add meeting info, etc.

****Be sure to leave all of the "Join Zoom Meeting" information, Meeting ID # and Passcode #.**

Send the email to everyone and a copy for your records.

You are good to go! Now, wasn't that easy! Yes, I will guarantee you'll learn how to do this. Yes, you might encounter a difficulty or two, but Diane is available to help you, and from personal experience, I know she will help us all. And, Diane is calm, cool, and kind!

I am looking forward to having more of our group at our weekly Zoom on Tuesday, October 13, where more of us will be joining together, planning this year's programs, checking up on where everyone plans to spend the season this year, who's had surgeries, who's had problems...and how and what we're planning to do in our Bee this winter.

Take care and Be Safe,
Mellie Peach
Sew N Sew Bee, Snow to Sun Resort, Weslaco, TX

Guild General Meeting

by *Diana Wolf*

Saturday, October 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by President Kathe Letulle.

Present 77. A quorum was established.

Quilt Show committee report presented by Laurie Magee, Chair, stated Bonnie Hall would be explaining the registration process for this year's virtual show. There is a new category of vintage sewing items, from sewing machines to pincushions. Please register your quilts as soon as possible; do not wait until the end of December. You can make arrangements with June Bourneman to take pictures of your quilts. There will be guidance about how to take your pictures yourself if you are not able to make it to the Valley.

Newsletter deadline is Monday Oct 12th.

A Guild Meet and Greet will be Oct 24th at 10 AM, a good time and place to get help with Zoom computer issues you may experience.

Our hostess Gail Steinbeck introduced a visitor who registered, Kathy Humann. Gail also stated that Trophy Gardens is not yet open to the public.

The Secretary's report, by Diana Wolf, was approved as printed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Diane Tewell.

September 1		
Beginning checking balance was		\$11,497.22
Expenditures	341.12	
Income	93.30	
September 30		
Ending checking balance		11,249.40
September 30		
Savings balance		\$33,156.72

The report was approved for audit.

She also presented the third quarter ending report, which showed we are in relatively good shape because while our expenses have decreased, our income has also decreased by not quite as much.

She also presented the proposed budget which will be voted on by the members in November. The amounts for several line items are significantly lowered. We do have some fixed annual expenses of about \$4,000. We do plan to have about three programs next year, and some additional ones are planned to be held over the summer. The proposed budget includes the possibility of three meetings at Trophy Gardens but we don't know if they will actually occur due to Covid.

Laural Powell presented a demonstration of the procedure to create quilted postcards. She also will make it available on the Guild Facebook page. She presented a challenge to members to make two of these, then mail one to a Guild friend and one to a Guild member you don't know before the December 12th Guild meeting. Recipients would share the postcards they received as part of the December program.

Everyone online sang Happy Birthday to Annette Sweet, a longtime member. It was decided we should all keep our day jobs.

Chris Cowan reported the Community Service with a third quarter totals; 1096 items, 1899 hours and \$13,767.75 donated value of volunteer hours.

Our current Guild membership is 320 members currently as reported by Marty Morrison. She challenged members to have their friends join. Members can be anywhere because Zoom removes geographic restrictions for participation in our Guild. Prospective and existing members can use checks sent to the Guild PO Box, or join online.

The Nominating Committee announced nominees for open positions:

- First Vice President, Marty Morrison
- Second Vice President, Chris Cowan
- Treasurer, Mike Hall

The membership will vote in November on these Board positions.

Additionally, it was noted a request was made to audit of the Guild financial books prior to turning them over to a new Treasurer. Members can volunteer to be on the Audit committee by emailing the President and her Guild email address.

There will be a ballot sent to members for items to be voted upon in November.

Laural Powell's program presentation was so successful that several members requested a sew day to make it. She will plan a time and date and announce it in the newsletter.

The program committee is also seeking members to do demonstrations for Guild programs this fall and winter. Otherwise, Laural and Debi Warner will be presenting demonstrations for most of the programs. There will also be a Zoom sew-along in November so we can all try class settings. Laural will also be doing a presentation on Morse Code Quilts.

December will show off the quilted postcards received, play quilter's bingo and have prizes, and have a couple of demos.

Cards were sent in September to several members. Jackie Landon would like information about who could be sent a card and a bit about the circumstances to personalize the card.

Diane Tewell, as Zoom Coordinator, noted it is going well. Many Bees have signed up for time slots, but there are still many openings. Email the Zoom coordinators with questions, challenges and any issues you experience. Request training or additional help with technical issues you are having. Update your Zoom software often as the company is updating it often.

Bonnie Hall walked the group through the new online form which will be used to register quilts and other items for the Quilt Show. The button leading you to it is on the home, Quilt show and forms page. There is also a form if a member wants to donate a box (flat rate USPS) full of quilting related

goodies. You will describe the contents to be donated, and a picture of the contents will be requested. The box remains at your residence until you are notified who won it in the Silent Auction. Donations can be a coupon for a service you provide (such as long arm quilting), items, books, or whatever. Neighborhood businesses, or other contact you have could also supply a donation for the box. It is suggested there be a theme. More information will be in the newsletter.

June Bourneman will be taking pictures of quilts entered into the virtual Quilt Show. Contact her to make arrangements to photograph your quilt. She lives within a mile of the Harlingen airport. If you cannot come to the Valley, see the newsletter and Quilt Show pages for more information about how to take pictures of your quilt. Pictures should be under 10 megabytes. Early submission of pictures is highly desired.

Bylaw changes approved by the Board to be voted on by members in November are in bold:

Proposal to add the following:
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.

Reasoning: This clarifies a customary practice and specifies a new member will enjoy up to 14 months of membership in their first year.

Article 4, Section 12.01

Currently reads: When a check transaction exceeds \$1,500 this will require two (2) signatures.

Proposed change:

A transaction in an amount above \$1,000 whether by check or debit card on any RGVQG banking account requires prior Guild Board approval.

Reasoning: We propose to lower the amount that requires Board approval, and apply this limit to any debit card transactions. Generally, expenses for speakers for airfare and hotel expenses are known at least a year in advance, and the Program Chair would have ample time to apply for approval. If a sudden necessary expenditure arises, the Board can be polled by email or other methods to vote. The Board is trying to be very careful with Guild funds.

Proposal to add a new sentence at the end of the paragraph:

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

Reasoning: This is typically a significant expenditure. Often this decision by the Show Committee was taken to the Guild Board, but it was not mandatory. This clarifies and standardizes the process, and is an attempt to conserve Guild funds.

The winners of the door prizes were announced. You must still be on the Zoom call to win.

Adjourned at 10:41 am.

Quilting Happenings

by Judy Brown

AQS hosts Quilt Star Facebook Live program
<https://www.facebook.com/AQSONline/>

October 20 - Cindy Needham

October 27 - Cindy Seitz-Krug

November 3 - Katie Pasquini Masopust

November 10 - Linda Hahn

Great Tips from iquilt Teachers - <http://www.aqsblog.com/iquilt-teachers-share-great-tips>

If you had difficulty navigating the quilt in 3D at the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, you cannot see all the winning quilt in normal web displays at <https://quiltshow.com/winning-quilts/>. Check them out. They are amazing!

Want to learn about Fibonacci in Quilting, go to <https://www.chrisquilts.net/15008/>

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