



RGVQGG News

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President's Threads That Bind

By the time you read this newsletter, this year's Quilt Show is over. So many volunteers put in so much effort over so many women hours, it is truly amazing to see how the cooperation and coordination have such a beautiful result.

As we move forward, there will be more opportunities to help one another. We will have programs, classes and Schoolhouse topics that use the topics you said you wanted. Come together and learn with your friends. Bring new friends too.

Our next program in March is our Quilters Shop and Swap! Woo hoo! I'm saving my bills for that!

Our April speaker, Annie McHugs, is a real delight! If you missed seeing her at the Quilt Show, you now have another opportunity. She has so many ideas to share with us and a fascinating technique.

None of us are getting younger. Our Military Service Chair, Lucy Klass, is stepping down in December. This program is near and dear to the Guild. We need a chair to carry it forward. Lucy will help you get started. Let either one of us know if you are interested.

Keep stitchin' and having fun.

'Til later,
Diana Wolf

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Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon/Kathe Letulle

There have been many of our members who have needed our concern and prayers. We sincerely hope that these members know that their Family at the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild are concerned and praying for them

If you know of those in the Guild who need a card of encouragement, get well card, sympathy card, please send the person's name and a general statement to sunshine and shadows@rgvqg.com

Program Chair(s) Needed!!

We have an opportunity for you to help the Guild. We need a Program Chair or Chairs. Programs have been planned for the next few months. An all business meeting is boring and our members want to be educated, so we hope someone(s) is willing to take on this position.

This is an officer position. You have a 2024 budget of approximately \$7000.00 for speakers. You are elected and will be sworn in.

Perks: *The Program Chair does not pay a fee for the Program class. For the Houston Quilt Show, there is a \$600.00 budget you can use to help offset expenses.*

To help you decide, the **responsibilities** are as follows. **You can delegate** most of these, but you retain the responsibility.

Arrange programs for your term of office, 24 months. It will take some time to do this.

Presently, there are about 4 more months arranged and some possibilities which need to be finalized for the summer months.

If we have a speaker fly in, they purchase their own ticket and are reimbursed for that expense. Additionally, you are responsible to pick up and return them to the airport. You can delegate this. While the speaker is in town, they are taken out to lunch and dinner as needed. The speaker and the Program Chair are reimbursed for this. This can be delegated.

Obtain a contract and sign it. Consider having the Treasurer or President review it too. Forward a copy of it and any associated invoices or receipts to the Treasurer for payment.

Present to the Treasurer any other reimbursable expenses so you can be paid.

Introduce the speaker at the Guild General meeting. This can be delegated.

If the speaker will be on Zoom, coordinate with the Audio-Visual person, presently Mike Hall, or his backup Jani Shoemaker, so the remote members can hear and see the speaker. You will send the meeting link to the speaker.

Fees for the program presentation will be reimbursed according to our guidelines. You will receive sample contracts to guide you, and the Treasurer will clarify any details. If the program speaker will have a class, you will check the classroom is set up appropriately and returned to the condition the location requires. This can be delegated. Now in **2024, the room is ready to use with no preparation** and that should last for the year.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

All classes will be held on the Thursday before the Guild meeting. Our goal is to have completed class projects - no UFO's. You'll be able to bring your projects for Show & Tell!

March 7, 2024

Could you actually learn to like binding?

Basic Bindings & Beyond

Bonnie Hall & Kris Driscoll

Location: Pharr South, 1402 Cage, Pharr, TX

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch/drink or go to nearby restaurants

Class Price: \$20.

Some classes will require pre-cutting and some will require special supplies at a small additional price.

Supply Lists are available online.

Sign-ups and payments are made via the Guild website.

Sign-up for Schoolhouse Classes

[Schoolhouse March 2024 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

More information for each class is available at [Schoolhouse - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild \(rgvqg.com\)](https://rgvqg.com)

In Memoriam

We were able to create a digital slide show for the 2023 Quilt Show that allowed us to honor the members who are no longer with us. Please notify Bonnie Hall when you are aware of someone who has passed. She keeps a file of names and obituaries, but she is not always aware of a death. It does not matter if the person has returned up-North or hasn't been a member recently, we want to remember them. Each of you are the key to make sure no one is left out.

Military Service Quilts

Five quilts were presented at the guild show. Check our Facebook site for these and some other recent quilt presentations. There are bundled quilts ready to be quilted. Please consider helping out this way.

Also Lucy Klaas will be stepping down at the end of the year. It's very rewarding and we hope someone will be willing to take over. Think and pray on it, if you think you might be interested.

Aloysius alligator



Look for me on our webpage! Click on me and I'll take you to the Members Only page. Remember what I am. I'm also the keeper of the directories. Please add a two-digit year to open a directory.

Membership Information

by Debbie Williams

The 2024 membership season is in full swing. Currently there are 211 paid members which is slightly ahead of where we were last year, same time. With your help, we are seeing several new members join our guild. We are also having

inactive members make the decision to join again in 2024. Please bring your friends to the monthly meetings so that they can see what the guild is all about!

How do you know if you have paid your 2024 dues?

- * You receive the monthly newsletter.
- * You receive the monthly email notification of the monthly Guild meeting.
- * Your name is on the Sign In sheet at the monthly Guild meeting.
- * If your new Memid # begins with 240xxx you will know you are current.

To renew your Guild membership for 2024, the easiest way is to do so online through the RGVQG.com web page. In addition you may do so in person at a Guild monthly meeting with a check for \$30 or with \$30 cash which will be placed in a sealed envelope.

When you do pay your dues for 2024, you will receive a RGV Membership Email. You should PRINT OUT this email. This email will include your name and new 240xxx membership ID number. At the bottom of this email is a RGVQG membership card that you can fill in with your name and number. If you want to have a card for your wallet, simply cut out the card once you have filled it in. This email is your proof of payment for 2024. As a member you will have access to the Members Only information on the RGVQG.com web page. The information for accessing these sections is provided in your Membership Email.

If you wish to purchase a membership badge, you may order one from Kathe Letulle at the monthly meetings. Typically she would have your badge at the following meeting. Kathe can be found before the meeting at the Retreat table.

Please email Debbie Williams at membership@Rgvqg.com if you need assistance.

Give with Bing

Another way to support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD is through Give with Bing. Microsoft Rewards lets you support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD through its Give with Bing program. After signing up and selecting our organization, you can earn rewards points just for searching the web with Bing. Microsoft then turns those points into cash donations to us. The program is free--you just need to sign up with a Microsoft account. As of May 2021, Microsoft Rewards has donated more than [\$6.5 million] to nonprofits around the world.

Join now [RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD \(Give with Bing\)](http://www.bing.com/give)

<http://www.bing.com/give>

Microsoft Edge uses Bing. You can also get the Bing app for iPad, iPhone and Android. Please call Bonnie, 740-398-1629, if you need help setting up Give with Bing.

Social Media Expansion

by Laural Powell



We have expanded our social media presence! For some time the Guild has had a **closed Facebook group**, as **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild**. This means you must answer some questions and then be allowed into this group.

The Guild Board has voted to keep this group to members only. This is to provide a space for our members to post and comment where they will know it will only be seen by Guild members.

The Guild Board also understands some may want to share what our guild is doing with their friends. Then others are introduced to our guild through our quilt show and/or community service efforts, and want to know more about our guild. So, we created a **Facebook page at Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Texas**. This page can be viewed and followed by anyone interested in our guild. Additionally, we have reactivated the Guild's **Instagram account**, which anyone can follow at **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild or @rgvqgtx**.

So, now anyone can follow the Guild on our Facebook page and Instagram account, while Guild members can have privacy by joining the Guild's closed Facebook group. If you need help accessing any of these, contact me at joinfb@rgvqg.com.

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Thank you to those that submitted reports recently. If you donated anywhere in 2023 and haven't reported yet, there is still time! April 15th isn't here yet!

It's great to be part of such a generous group!

Treasurer Report

A "link" to monthly Treasurer's Reports and other treasury documents can now be found on the "members only" page of the Guild's website: rgvqg.com and the reports will no longer be published in the newsletter

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

January 2024 RETREAT ARTICLE:

2024 Retreats

Friendship Star - March 11 - 15, 2024

Bluebonnet Friends - March 17 - 21, 2024

Remember what I said about life happening? Well, that is the case with the Friendship Star Retreat Wait List. Although the retreat is full - the wait list has been exhausted - So if you have an interest in possibly attending in 2024, please let me know and I can sign you up on the waitlist. There was a time that I had to phone and a member was able to attend at the very LAST minute. Both Retreats are FULL at this very moment.

GET ON THE WAIT LIST NOW! Via email or text as noted below.

We have dates for 2025 with no increase in retreat fee:

Friendship Star - March 10-14, 2025

Bluebonnet Friends - March 16-20, 2025

Here is what you always wanted to know but was afraid to ask about retreats:

1. The retreats are so much fun and the friendships formed are awesome. Everyone is willing to assist in any quilting, sewing, pattern questions, etc - everyone has a suggestion, just use the one that works best for you.
2. The retreats are held at John Newcomb Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas -
3. The fee is \$300 with a \$100 deposit - sleeping arrangements are 4 to a condo. The condo is divided into two bedrooms,

each with their own bathroom. There is also a kitchen, living room and washer and dryer

4. The meals begin at dinner on day of arrival, next three days -3 meals and 1 snack, and final day breakfast. The meals are to die for as well as the desserts.
5. The large conference room is where we sew and have area quilt shops present their wares for the attendees to purchase. There are also quite a few quilt shops in the area for shopping opportunity
6. You must: (1) bring a power cord with a surge protector and a flashlight (2) ARRANGEYOUROWNTRANSPORTATION (3) Bring Emergency Information sheet, envelopes will be provided. A packet containing maps and detailed information will be available, at a later date, on the Guild's website, rgvqg.com (members only).

The final rooming roster will be sent to the Ranch on February 10th and from that point, if you are unable to attend, no money will be refunded unless a member from the Wait List takes the place as the 48 places reserved must be paid to the ranch in full. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

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RGV Quilt Show

2024

Laurie Magee and Jean Waufle want to thank all the many hands that made this year's show such a success.

To see pictures of all the winners, go to our Facebook website, Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show.

2025

Great plans already in the works judging by these 2 flyers. Rolie, the armadillo will be our mascot.



2025 Challenge

The challenge is to create a fiber piece that showcases the diversity of Texas.

This must be an original piece and should not include any breakable embellishments. The size is limited to a maximum of 72" perimeter. If it's a circle or odd shape the diameter shouldn't exceed 18".

Can't wait to see everyone's imagination for this one, have fun!!



Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

Cancelled due to lack of interest! Fun while it lasted! We're investigating some options for learning new things, blocks, color theory, including how value and placement in a block can alter the look.

Bee News

Programs

By Jan Rondeau

In **March** we will have our ever popular quilting garage sale. We will be at Casa Del Sol in Donna again this year. All tables have been assigned.

In **April** we will be joined by Jerriann Massey from Annie McHugs. She will be sharing the use of Reverse Applique tools. She has developed a system for reverse applique for use with her original designs. She will be premiering her latest design Texas Pictures windows.

On April 12th Jeriann will be teaching her methods and tools for reverse applique in a class at Pharr South Activity Center. She will be sharing her best practices as we create a Texas reverse applique block.

3rd Annual
Texas **Foster Youth** High School
Graduates of 2024



Volunteers are needed to make **500 quilts, zipper pouches, and more.** These items will be given to the youth when they graduate from high school.



Sign Up at www.day1bags.org, click on **"Do you sew?"**

Quilt Instructions:

- Happy Colors
- Please keep in mind that the high school seniors select their own quilts and all styles and colors are welcome.

Size Dimensions:

- Hand or Machine Quilted with batting
- Twin or lap-size are accepted

Matching Pillowcase(Optional):

Standard 21" wide x 26" long

Zipper Pouch Instructions:

- Happy Colors and Designs
- Size Dimensions:**
 - no specific pattern but please make sure they are lined and we request pouches 8"x10" or larger
- Other Opportunities:**
 - Donate Fabric
 - Long Arm Quilting Services
 - Delivery or Pick up quilts
 - Photography
 - Speak to local guilds

Our guild has promised 15 quilts. My name is **Alyssa Gonzalez**, and I live in the RGV, and have been quilting for the past 8-9 years. You can contact me **text (best) or call my cell phone at (956) 578-3352** or via email agonzalez@nplexusrgv.com. I work at North Park Lexus RGV and they have agreed to partner with me in collecting quilts for this campaign. We are at 410 W Interstate 2 in San Juan Texas, and during business hours (9-6; M-F) just ask for me at the reception desk and I'll make sure your quilt is received with care. After business hours, our receptionist will take care of you and your quilt. You can use this [link](#) or the QR Code above to complete the drop off form. Everyone at North Park Lexus will have this QR Code readily available as well. While you're at the dealership, have a complimentary Starbucks coffee and a free cookie in our Cafe!

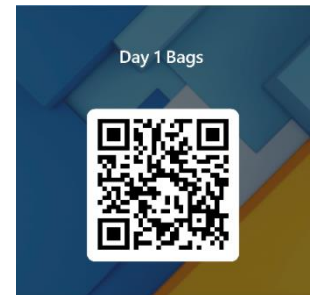
RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2024

The meeting was started at 9:00 am by Diana Wolf, president. She announced some information about our garage sale that will be our meeting in March. It will be at Casa del Sol on March 9th and will be held from 9 until noon. Diana also stated that we need a Quilt Show chair for 2026. Diana introduced our speaker for the meeting. Susan Madden of Quiltful, Inc was here to explain an app she has created to keep track of your UFO's, works in progress and projects you want to start. She had a very interesting presentation.

Committee Reports;

Quilt Show - Laurie Mcgee - She brought the last projects for the Opportunity Quilt drawing and Silent Auction. They will be presenting Military Service Quilts at the show at 10:30 each Day. She still needs items for the Boutique. Debbie Williams will be handing out her phone number to people bidding at the Silent Auction so they can bid after they have gone home.



Membership - Debbie Williams - There were 97 members present, 10 were present on Zoom. We also had some guests and new members.

Secretary's Report - Lila Helm - There were no additions or corrections. The secretary's report will be filed as printed.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Hall - The treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit. Mike Hall has asked if he can open up a 7 month CD for \$10,000. A motion to table this was voted down by a show of hands. Kathe Letulle made a motion to open a CD for \$10,000. Seconded by unknown. Asked for a vote by raising your hand. Motion did

not pass. Renee Darkis made a motion to open a CD for \$20,000, seconded by Florea Flores. Passed the motion with a show of hands. A CD in the amount of \$20,000 will be opened for the period of 7 months.

Community Service - Chris Cowan - There were 24 items turned in on the 31st and 22 items today for a total of 46, for 202 hours and a total of \$14,640. She also had 4 quilts donated for Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Scholarship - Leslie Lorenzo - She has not received even 1 application. She is wondering if there is a way to open these up to a wider selection. The deadline is February 28th.

Military Service - Lucy Klaas - She had 2 successful Sew Days. Diana stated that Lucy had notified the guild that she will be stepping down at the end of the year. Lucy needs machine quilters to pick up bundled quilts that need to be quilted.

Schoolhouse - Dale Shafer stated that the class went well this month. March 7th will be the binding class with Bonnie Hall and Chris Driscoll teaching.

Facebook - Josie McVey and Carmin Avila - we have 413 members on Facebook of which 47% of them are paid. Postings of finished projects help to create interest on our Facebook page.

Mike Hall announced our speaker for April. Jerriann Massey will be here to give a class on April 12th on reverse applique. She will be our speaker on Saturday.

Door Prize - Elaine Hall

Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah Manney and Melissa Bradley - All profit from the drawing! This drawing helped raise over \$70 today.

Show and Tell - Everyone is so talented!!!

Meeting adjourned at 11:06

Secretary, Lila Helm

Interest Survey

The polling totals for the interest survey cannot be formatted to include here. But I will post it on our Facebook page. 80 surveys were passed out and 48 returned. These here are the results of the questions about: Also interested in, Like the least, Do better and Like the best.

RGVQG Questionnaire - January 2024

Questions regarding the Guild

Beginning

Also Interested in: everything, all of the listed options, quilt-as-you-go

Like the least: hard time with dates

Do better: library access

Like the best: everything, monthly presenters, friendliness, schoolhouse classes, learning about new techniques, variety of speakers & programs (one response not understandable)

Intermediate

Also interested in: hand-piecing, hand-quilting, hand-applique, hand-stitching antique quilts, computerized quilting, projects using specific rulers (like 60 degree), free-motion quilting techniques, applique, paper-piecing

Like the least: class location (2), early meeting time, politics, finding info on website, should use money to support guest speakers, keeping to schedule at meetings, meeting place (2), cliques (2), bees are based on location, quilt show should be every other year

Do better: having speaker at each meeting, keeping members quiet during meetings, communicating, classes should be held after the speaker, posting contact info on front page of website, eliminating barriers of members, including new members, being prompt with times,

more national speakers, identifying members' skills, meeting other members

Like the best: meetings, speakers, guest speakers in person, show & tell (2), talented members sharing skills, friendliness of members (6), quilt show & vendors, guild friends, group effort, quilting community, classes, meetings with speakers, knowledge within guild, schoolhouse classes & presentations, Friendship Day, garage sale

Advanced

Also interested in: hand embroidery (intermediate to advanced)

Like the least: location of quilt show

Do better: encourage membership of park groups - they don't see benefit of joining the guild, give the results of questionnaires and surveys, new location for meetings - library is not accessible

Like the best: programs at meetings, meeting lots of friendly artists, the guild contacts are accessible, friendly and helpful

Suggestions:

Invite a quilt shop to the meeting, to sell and talk about their business,

location and hours (regular quilt shops and in-home shops)

Volunteers:

Susan Halvorsen - quilt design, planning and use of computer

Eileen Matte - eileenmatte,55@gmail.ia (???) - library & other suggestions

Newsletter Advertising

1/4 page \$25.00

1/2 page: \$50.00

Full page: \$100.00

Business Card \$10.00

Classified Ad: \$5.00 or 3-4 lines

Deadline: Monday following meeting on second Saturday of the month to be included in our next monthly publication. Newsletter is posted 12 times each year. Paid advertisers may put one ad per month on our Facebook page at no cost.

Guidelines for Article Submission:

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

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Call for an appointment

Good afternoon,

On behalf of the New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild, I would like to personally invite your members to join us for QuiltFest 2024. This year's show will take place July 26th-27th from 10:00AM-5:00PM at the New Braunfels Convention Center at [375 S Castell Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130](https://www.google.com/maps/place/375+S+Castell+Ave,+New+Braunfels,+TX+78130).

QuiltFest 2024 will include more than 150 quilts, demonstrations, vendors, special presentations, raffle quilt, Emporium (our popular thrift store), and more! This year's theme is "Peace, Love, and Flower Power" so throw on your favorite hippy gear and join in the fun!

You can find more information about our guild and show on our website or social media pages linked below.

<http://www.newbraunfelsareaquiltguild.org/quiltfest-2024.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064907431765&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

https://www.instagram.com/new_braunfels_quiltfest_2024/

We would love it if you would share our event with your quilt guild and community. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Happy quilting,

Michelle Womack
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By appointment

New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild
QuiltFest 2024



"Peace, Love, & Flower Power"

July 26-27, 2024

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas
2024 Quilt Showcase

Friday,
May 3rd,
2024
10 am - 4 pm

Saturday,
May 4th,
2024
10 am - 3 pm



Quilts
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Food
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on Saturday

Admission
\$12
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