



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 32, Weslaco, TX 78599 - [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)

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## President's Threads That Bind

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Good news for Bee Leaders! If you contact Mike Hall, our Treasurer, he will provide the documentation needed to use the Guild's tax-exempt number. There are some rules required to keep the Guild out of trouble with the IRS. When you use it, the activities have to be for the benefit of the Guild or your Bee activities. For more information, contact Mike. It does not exempt all taxes, just most.

We are sorry to see our Winter Texans migrate and wish them safe travels.

Our new Program Chair, Josie McVey has some exciting programs planning for the next 12 months. Be sure to read her article and put those dates on your calendar. Some will have associated Program Classes and you want to have one of the limited spots in the class.

Florea Flores has volunteered to be Beekeeper from Weslaco west to Mission. That still leaves the rest of the Valley, and it would be awesome for someone to volunteer. It is fascinating how the different Bees accommodate their members. Some may want to cross pollinate their ideas. (Yes, it's a terrible pun.)

Keep on stitchin'  
Diana Wolf, President

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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](mailto:shadows@rgvqg.com)

# Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

Schoolhouse is over until the fall when Dale and Nancy will have lined up some more wonderful classes. Remember they'd love to have you volunteer your skills and talent. You could be leading one of those fun and informative classes!

**All classes will be held 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!**

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

Supply Lists will be available online. Sign-ups and payments are made via the Guild website.

Watch out for sign-up announcements for Schoolhouse Classes.

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

## 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 229 paid members which is slightly ahead of where we were last year, Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild News

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](mailto:membership@Rgvqg.com) if you need assistance.

## Military Service Quilts

Twenty quilts were presented recently to veterans working at a juvenile facility. They were very well received. Ten more were given to veterans at Llano Grande. 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.

## 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.

## 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)

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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](mailto:joinfb@rgvqg.com).

## Community Service

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by Chris Cowan

Recent reports received for 119 items, 744 hours and a value of \$5,394.

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



Carla Mewhinney and Lila Helm spent several hours putting together 41 pet beds for donation to the Palm Valley Animal Society

## 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](http://rgvqg.com) and the reports will no longer be published in the newsletter

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### **Taxes & Less Taxes!**

The Guild's 2023 Taxes have been successfully filed with the IRS and the Guild's Tax Exempt Status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit is being made available to the individual bees to allow for purchases of quilting supplies and equipment without paying sales tax. However, the use of the tax-exemption is restricted as any proceeds from sales of items produced using these supplies or equipment must be dedicated to the purposes of the bee and can not be donated to the bee's park. Typically, a seller will require proof of our tax-exemption status and a copy of the IRS's confirmation of this status is available by contacting the guild treasurer. If you have any questions or need a copy of the documentation, please contact your treasurer.

## Retreat News

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by Kathe Letulle

### **2025 RETREAT DATES**

**Friendship Star - March 10 - 14, 2025**

**Bluebonnet Friends - March 16 - 20, 2025**

**Begin signing up on the wait list at any guild meeting or contact me at the information below.**

WOW - the 2024 Retreats are fond memories. I wish to express my thanks to each attendee for an awesome retreat. The Laughter, willingness to assist your fellow quilter went way beyond the beyond, and the overall positive vibes that radiated for both retreats were awesome. The Shop Hops were an unexpected treat - sure glad they were being held during our retreats.

Now to begin planning the 10<sup>th</sup> year we have been hosted by the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas. These folks are such a pleasure to work with for our stay at the "RANCH". Can you believe that we have been going to the RANCH this long! A Grand Experience.

IF you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

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## Bee News

None reported this month.

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# RGV Quilt Show

By Jean Waufle & Renee Darkis

2025

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



Renee says:

I don't know about you, but I am really excited about the 2025 Quilt Show. Mark those calendars February 14-15, 2025! It's going to be a "Texas Fiesta" celebrating the diversity of Texas. The history of Texas offers many ideas for quilting. I have several ideas swimming around up there. I even have two of them started.

This year as in the past there are two challenges that are begging for your ideas.

## 2025 Chair's Choice

Chairs Choice will require an element of the Mexican culture in the Valley. This could represent colors, designs or holidays.

Any size as long as it does not exceed the maximum perimeter of 480 inches.

On the entry form Please include an explanation of what inspired you and the origin of the quilt.

## 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-inch perimeter. If it's a circle or odd shape the diameter shouldn't exceed 18 inches.

Let's put on those thinking caps and get started. Have fun creating! I can hardly wait to see what you make.

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



## Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice.

# Programs

By Josie McVey

For the month of May we will have the pleasure of having one of our own Guild members give us a lecture presentation. She is none other than Betty Chouinard, who was awarded the Best of Show Ribbon for her quilt at our 2024 Quilt Show. The topic of her presentation will be "How Did You Make That?"

For the month of June we are happy to have Carol Wilhoit. She has been teaching classes for over 10 years and quilting for over 40 years. She is a quilter, quilting teacher, MD, wife, mom and grandma. Her topic will be "AHA! Techniques and Tools for Perfecting Your Quiltmaking."

For the month of July we are pleased to have another of our very talented Guild members. She will teach a Program class Friday, and provide a presentation on Saturday for us. Joy Paugh will teach a class on a beautiful collage, for which we have the opportunity to purchase the kit.

## 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](http://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

## Day 1 Bags

Great news from Alyssa Gonzalez, our District coordinator, we have exceeded the 15 quilts promised!! She has already received 24 quilts. If you have one started, you are ahead of the game for next year.

You can contact her, **text (best) or call her cell phone at (956) 578-3352** or via email [agonzalez@nplexusrgv.com](mailto:agonzalez@nplexusrgv.com).

# RGVQG General Meeting

## Minutes

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April 13, 2024

President, Diana Wolf called the meeting to order at 9:01am. Diana welcomed new Zoom members attending. We had two guests and four new members in attendance too. Josie McVey was sworn in as our Program Chair. Thank you for stepping up!

Next, Diana, introduced our speaker for today. Terriann McMassey, also known as Annie McHugs. She gave an excellent presentation on reverse applique. She was a wonderful speaker, and we enjoyed her "assistant" in the background.

Diana introduced Florea Flores as the new Beekeeper for  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the valley. We still need someone to do the east and south.

Membership - Debbie Williams - We have seventy-five paid members in attendance, thirteen members on Zoom and two guests.

Community Service - Chris Cowan - she had 119 items turned in totaling 744 hours with a value of \$5,394.

Newsletter - Chris Cowan - Needs her articles for the newsletter MONDAY!

Quilt Show 2025 - Jean Waufle / Renee Darkis - Jean still needs two chairpersons, one for the Boutique and one for the Opportunity Quilt. Laurie Magee suggested having two volunteers or a Bee to chair these two positions to make it easier.

Programs - Josie McVey - check your newsletter. Josie has been busy and is getting our schedule filled in.

Swap and Shop - Nancy Malmin - Wants to make some changes next year like more signage. We need to find a location to have the 2025 Swap and Shop.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Hall - Heather Nelson made a motion to approve, second by Marti Morrison. Will be placed on file for audit. Taxes have been filed. February and March reports

Secretary's report - Lila Helm - February and March - approved - will be filed as printed.

Door Prizes - Elaine Hall

Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah Maney and Melissa Bradley. We made \$62 today.

Diana Wolf explained what the board will be doing with our sales tax number. If you need supplies to make something that will be donated, you may be able to use our tax-exempt number to save on your purchase. Please contact Mike Hall to see if you are eligible.

Show and Tell - Guild members here in the valley are so talented.

Diana adjourned the meeting.

Secretary, Lila Helm

## Newsletter Advertising

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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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[https://www.instagram.com/new\\_braunfels\\_quiltfest\\_2024/](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**

[<nbaqgpublicity@gmail.com>](mailto:nbaqgpublicity@gmail.com)

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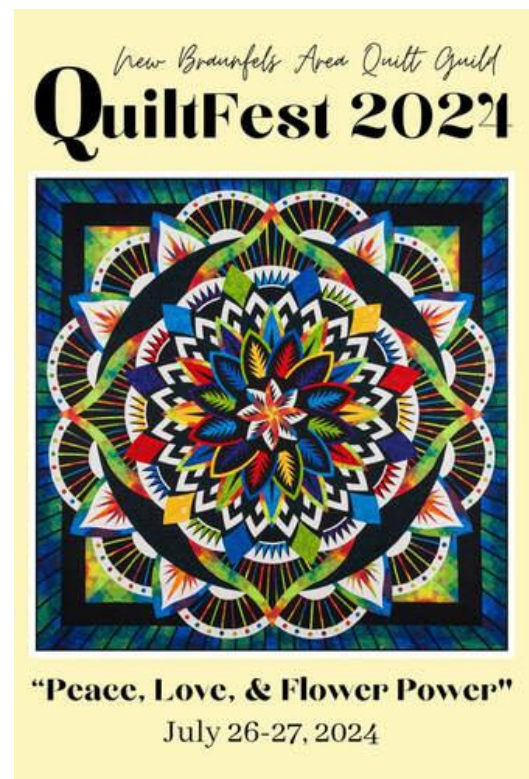
Good afternoon,

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>





# 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
- Vendors
- Door Prizes
- Food
- Raffle Baskets
- Quilts for Sale
- QOV Ceremony on Saturday

Admission \$12  
Good both days

**Fort Bend County Fair Grounds**  
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For more information, please visit our website at [www.cpqgbx.org](http://www.cpqgbx.org)

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Call for an appointment