



RGVQGG News

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President's Threads That Bind

This month's program had some great ideas on how to have your quilt piecing be more accurate and great tips to then quilt your quilt with your walking foot! We have some more great programs planned.

We CANNOT meet at the library in July, so please monitor your email, the Guild web page and Facebook. We have 2 locations to consider and won't know for a couple of weeks where we will meet.

The Guild needs a few volunteers. The fun part is you get to know more people and you define how you do your job. Many positions have a notebook that shares what the chair did, and you know how it worked out. Also, there is a support system in place, others have done it before you and often are quite willing to share their experiences. You can listen, but you are not obligated to do it the same way.

Lucy Klaas will be giving up the Military Service committee soon. She has two sew days planned in January, but we need someone to be in charge for the day. Let Lucy or I know if you are interested.

We need someone to organize Friendship Day. It's a day to show off the Guild to prospective members and have some fun, in January 2025 on any day but the Guild Program day. It can be as much, or not, as you wish. I always look forward to nibbling on other people's cooking. It seems to taste so much better. Keep cool and 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

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

We're working on some fun, helpful and interesting classes for the upcoming Schoolhouse Season! Most of the classes will be held on the Thursday following the Guild meeting. However, in February and March, due to conflicts with the Quilt Show and Retreat, they will be held on the Thursday before the Guild meeting.

As usual, classes will be from 9 - 3, at Pharr South, in their spacious sewing room. We're beginning a bit earlier than usual, with a class in October. You may bring your lunch or go out to several nearby restaurants or fast-food places.

All the classes are not definite at this point, but on-line sign up will be available soon, and class samples will be ready by the August meeting.

October 17 - Vicki Guerra
Clip Cushion

November 14 - Erica Barron
3D Teacup & Saucer

December 19 - Diana Wolf
Featherweight Spa Day

January 16 - Joy Paugh
Fun Faces! (raw-edge applique)

February 6 - Cassino Richardson
Quilting Tips, Shortcuts & Techniques

March 6 - TBA

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

As of the June Guild meeting, we had a total of 232 members. This is down slightly from the 240 total members that we had in 2023.

It is always very encouraging when we see new members join and often times it can be attributed to our long term members bringing new friends to our Guild. For everyone that has helped with this, I would like to extend a huge thank you.

We have speakers planned for every month through the summer, and with Zoom, even those of you that have returned to your home up North, you can still join in the fun and learn from our speakers.

Your 2024 Guild Membership is valid through the end of December 2024. I know that many of you question whether you are current with your membership. Please rest assured, if you are receiving the monthly Newsletter and Meeting Notifications, then you are current through the end of December.

If you typically renew your membership early online, please note that on July 1st, the form is set to give you the following notice:

"Please come back in October to Renew or Sign-Up for 2025 Membership (includes October 2024 - December 2025). You may attend guild meetings July - September as a guest.

On October 1st and at the October guild meeting I will be accepting membership renewals once again.

Please email Debbie Williams at membership@Rgvqg.com if you have questions or 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>

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.

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

Treasurer Notes!

In the Executive Board meeting for June, the following 3 motions were approved:

- To re-invest the guild's CD that will mature in September,
- to purchase an additional CD (purchased 6/06/2024),
- to apply for a credit card to use in lieu of the guild's debit cards. (application filed 6/06/2024)

The three transactions will result in approximately \$2200 revenue annually.

Sales Tax Exemption

Just a Reminder! For those of you wanting to use the Guild's tax-exempt status when making purchases for those special projects, the exemption is supplier-specific meaning that you need a separate document for each supplier. Just contact your treasurer via email, text, phone, or old-fashioned snail mail to obtain the required documentation.

See the last page of the newsletter for a photo of the Audit report.

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

2025 RETREAT DATES

Friendship Star - March 10 - 14, 2025

Bluebonnet Friends - March 16 - 20, 2025

At the June Guild Meeting, we had two more Wait-List Sign ups. As we all know, Life Happen and everyone has a chance to go to retreat at one time or another. If you have any idea about attending retreat - just text, phone or email to get your name on the wait list.

The Retreat Shirts (golf style with collar) are available to pre-order at \$30 each and must be pre-paid. Red for Friendship Star and Royal Blue for Bluebonnet. If you wish to order a Retreat shirt, either e-mail or text message with your size, then mail a check made out to me - Kathe Letulle. The first order will go in October 1, 2024, so the shirts can be ordered in bulk and they will be delivered once they are embroidered. The next order date will be January 1, 2025 and delivery will be at retreat (or maybe sooner). All attendees are asked to wear a red or blue shirt one day during the appropriate retreat. It is nice to see that one color for the day.

Have a very blessed day!

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

Blessings,
Kathe Letulle

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Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Recent reports received for 27 items, 130 hours and a value of \$942.50.

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

Remember you can report online or print a donation form and mail it to me.

RGV Quilt Show

By Renee Darkis

2025

Life happens when we least expect it. That is what happened to Jean Wauffle this year. She is sad that she has to resign her position as show chair. Thankfully for me Jean left lemonade not lemons! Things are in great shape! We have a wonderful opportunity quilt! Pictures will be sent to you soon. The lighting at the meeting just would not let us get a good picture.

I hope you are all busy making at least one challenge quilt and several quilts for the show. I know I'm working on some right now. The Fiesta theme makes designs easy to choose and lots of fun. The fun is after all why we quilt.

I will need lots of help as time goes on. I'm working on some ideas to make it easier to help the show. This is our biggest fundraiser for the Guild so we all need to pitch in. The tickets for the opportunity quilt are available from me or at the meetings. Please be sure to sell your quota. If we all sell 2 booklets of tickets we will reach our fundraising target. Thanks in advance for your help. Thank you Jean for a great job getting this year started off right.

Renee Darkis

This year as in the past there are two challenges that are begging for your ideas. Let's put on those thinking caps and get started. Have fun creating! I can hardly wait to see what you make.

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" 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!!



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A vibrant poster for the 43rd Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show. The title "Texas Fiesta" is prominently displayed in a stylized font, with the subtitle "Celebrating the Diversity of Texas" below it. The dates "February 14-15, 2025" are also included. The location is listed as "South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd., South Padre Island, TX". Admission information is provided: "Adults - \$10 a day or \$15 both days, Teens 13-18 - \$5 per day, Children 12 and under are FREE". The poster lists activities: "Hundreds of Quilts, Opportunities to Win, Quilt Appraisals, Quilts for Sale, Silent Auction, Shopping & More!". It features illustrations of a man in a sombrero playing a guitar and a woman in a colorful dress. A small armadillo illustration is at the bottom right. The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild logo is at the bottom left, and a Facebook link is at the bottom right. The text "Presented by the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, a non-profit organization" is at the very bottom.

Show Board Openings for the 2025 RGV Quilt Show!

It helps if each show committee has co-chairs and certainly you can recruit friends to help as needed.

Opportunity Quilt committee

This committee is responsible for ensuring that each guild member gets an envelope with 24 tickets. You will be expected to keep records so that it is clear who has picked up and returned their tickets with the appropriate amount of money. You will receive a cash box, a container for the signed ticket stubs and a membership list to help keep track of the tickets and the money.

Opportunity tickets are distributed at each guild meeting. The Guild treasurer receives the money and deposits it in the show account.

You also will keep the Opportunity Quilt and display it at guild meetings and sales events.

There is a display rack that comes with it. The quilt and other prizes are exhibited at the 2025 show at the Opportunity Quilt booth, as well as selling the remainder of the tickets.

The opportunity tickets have been ordered and a volunteer is packaging them in sets of 24 in envelopes which have the numbers on the outside. The membership chair will create a list of members for you.

In the fall/winter there will be opportunities at Sam's Club in Harlingen and at the SPI Convention Center to sell to the public. Edna Butler and Mike Hall are willing to help with that.

Bargain Boutique

This committee functions best with co-chairs and is most successful if a bee/bees is helping choose the projects and to make them. The job mostly entails recruiting people to make items for the boutique throughout the year and recruiting your own volunteers to help set up, sell, and take down at the show.

There is a list of items that sold well at the 2023 show available and Kathy Snyder and Suzanne Brennan can provide information for 2024. It is important that items are made from quality fabric

and are well made. They can help with what did not sell as well.

We do have storage available in Laguna Vista and there is a bin of items from the 2024 show that are good quality.

Volunteers

This committee works best with co-chairs. Joy Paugh and Susan Coleman have worked together for the last few years and have created digital forms for each of the parts of the show that use volunteers. Many of the committees recruit most of their own volunteers. This committee keeps records of those volunteers and fills in the missing time slots. The majority of the work for this committee happens in the last several months before the show. During the show they are responsible for creating the name tags and information packets for the show volunteers and handing them out as the volunteers arrive for their assignments. Both Joy and Susan are willing to mentor the new chairs.

Bee News

Slow summer, nothing reported.

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice.



Programs

By Josie McVey

For July 12th and 13th we will have one of our members of the Guild, Joy Paugh, share her talent with us. Joy has been a member of the guild for about 12 years and has served in different areas, as well as being active in the Llano Grande Bee. At the present time she enjoys the scrappy artsy side of quilting, exploring thread painting, collage and scrappy blocks.

Joy will have a collage class on Friday, July 12th at Pharr South. A fabric kit is included in the price of the class. She will also do a lecture presentation at our July Guild Meeting on Creative Stitching.

For September 14th at our Guild Meeting we will have a lecture presentation by another member of our Guild, Pat Cooper, sharing her talents with us. Pat will be sharing on Art Quilting. I will have more information on the next month's newsletter.

On October 11th and 12th we will have Joyce Teng with TSC Designs teach a class on Fabric Inking where we will learn techniques to create a colorful harmony using Tsukineko inks. More information will be provided in the months to come.

On November 9th we will have Karen Brown, with Just Get It Done, provide a lecture presentation on "How To Be the Best Quilter You Can Be!" More information will be provided in the months to come.

On December 14th we will have Emily Bailey, with Aunt Em's Quilts, provide a lecture presentation on "Discover the Possibilities Hidden in Your Scraps." We will learn strategies to find and use your scraps. Explore how color and value affect your quilts.

Friendship Day has been moved to January, 2025. We are in need of a Bee and/or a group of ladies willing to take care of this very

worthwhile event. The purpose is to generate membership for the guild and at the same time create an environment where quilters get together, perhaps learn something new, and plan and prepare to enjoy the new year ahead quilting with friends! Please let us know if your Bee or a group of you would be interested in helping Chair this event.

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.

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.



Quilts



Zipper Pouches

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

Scholarship Update

Leslie Lorenzo

A letter was sent offering a \$2,000 scholarship to Emma Minerva Hernandez, a senior at PSJA Memorial ECHS. Emma has a 4.0 GPA. She plans on Majoring in Fashion Design and minor in Textile Design at Texas Women's University. Emma was invited to attend the June 8 Guild meeting at which time the scholarship was presented to her in person.

It has been noted that we may be narrowing the guidelines of our scholarship by limiting applicants to be "Preparing for a career in textile related professions. Plan to enroll in a Home Making Apparel Course of study, i.e. Textile Production. The Apparel Course of Study includes fashion, designing, pattern making, study of materials, dyes and all things related to textiles." We have a committee formed to review these guidelines. We are looking for input about revising the guidelines and if so, what changes would you make? Please e-mail suggestions to scholarship@rgvqg.com. All input is appreciated and will be considered. Thank you for your thoughts.

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD

June 8, 2024

Diana Wolf called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Diana introduced our speaker for this meeting. Carol Wilhoit gave a presentation with hints to make our quilting look more professional and give us ideas on short cuts to use when we quilt. She was a great speaker and gave us many innovative ideas.

After our speaker, Diana announced that we still need volunteers to fill three positions. We need chairpersons for Membership, Community Service, and Treasurer. She also said that she will need a Military Service Chairperson at the beginning of 2025.

Mike Hall presented the treasurer's report. Judi Swanda made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Renee Darkis. Report will be placed on file for audit.

Secretary's Report was presented. Renee Darkis made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Kris Driscoll. Report will be filed as printed.

Membership - Debbie Williams - 49 people present and 18 on Zoom. We had the Hernandez family as guests.

Quilt Show 2025 - Renee Darkis announced that Jean Waufle has stepped down as chairperson for the 2025 year and Renee has volunteered to step in as the new chair. Jean is having some health problems, but she has the Opportunity Quilt done, the tickets are ready for pickup for the quilt. Jean had a lot of jobs already for the next chairperson. Renee needs someone for the Boutique and one other position (check the next newsletter).

Beekeeper - Nothing to report.

Facebook - Nothing to report.

Historian - Donna Otto - If you have anything like pictures, let her know.

Hostess - Judith Williams

Library - Still working to get it organized.

Newsletter - Chris Cowan - Deadline is Monday after the meeting to get articles in.

Military Service - Lucy Klaas - See above. There are quilts to pick up that need quilting or binding.

Publicity -

Retreat - Kathe Letulle - Retreats are full with waiting lists.

Schoolhouse - Dale Shafer - Check your newsletter to see the schedule.

Scholarship - Leslie Lorenzo - Looking to revise the qualifications.

Bonnie Hall stated the quilt registration is ready for you!

Diana Wolf announced that our finances are in particularly good shape. Mike Hall has been meeting with a financial advisor to see how we can improve our finances. He has been working hard to get our balances where they are now.

Door Prizes -

Fat Quarter Draw -

Meeting adjourned - Diana Wolf - Motion made and seconded...

Show and Tell - Some of us have been busy this summer!

Secretary - Lila Helm

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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Kathè Letulle - Owner

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>

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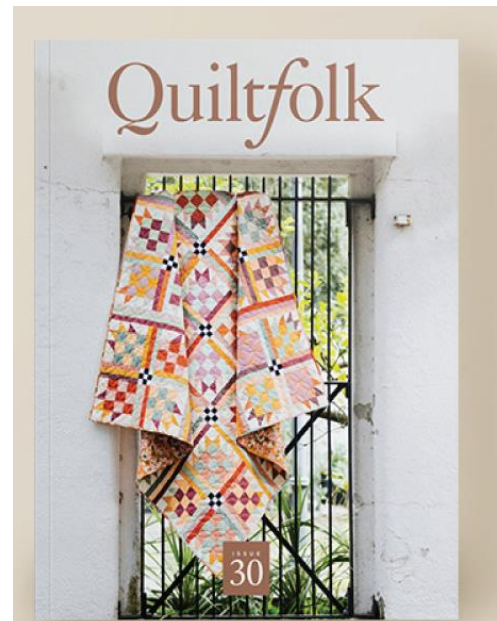
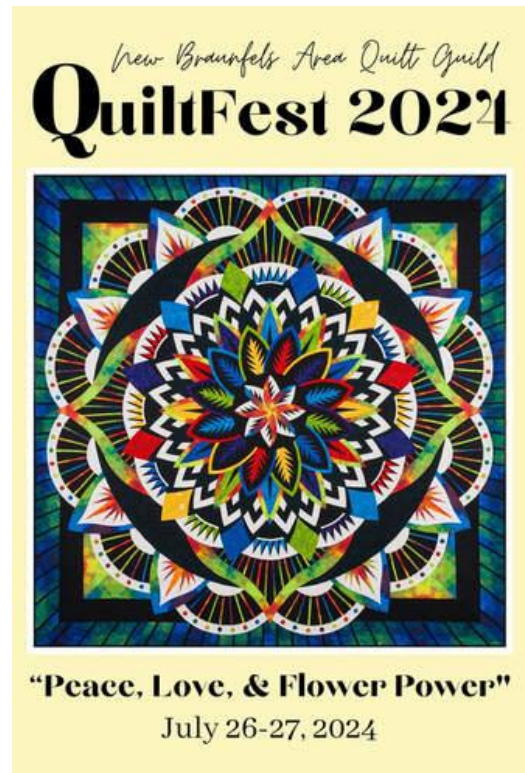
https://www.instagram.com/new_braunfels_quiltfest_2024/

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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Quiltfolk

Our guild participates in the Quiltfolk guild program. Each quarter we receive a copy of one of their magazines to use as we see fit. Quiltfolk has provided us a custom coupon code **GUILD30** now through June 30 to receive 15% off your next order.

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May 16, 2024

To: Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
P.O. Box 23.
Weslaco, Texas 78599 USA

Re: 501-C3 – 2023 Year End Audit of Financial Data

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, the undersigned, have audited the paper and virtual accounting books of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of income, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Guilds Treasurer. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The data is backed up in several places for security purposes.

The books for the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show as of December 31, 2023, were not audited at this time, but will be audited later in 2024.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the USA – GAAP (General Applied Accounting Principles). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

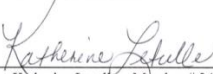
An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

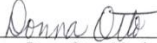
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. For future audits, a listing of all assets owned by the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, and their location should be submitted with the audit paper copies. Any assets purchased or liquidated within the audit year, - should be noted.
2. A Consolidated year-end financial statement should be prepared.
3. The auditing committee should verify the existence of paper document retention and digital treasury documentation for the timeline as designated by the IRS.

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