



RGVQGG News

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President's Threads That Bind

Turkey Day is close and the Holiday season is around the corner. I am so grateful to enjoy good companions, the opportunity to be creative and have a sense of purpose to help others. It's these things that make our lives worthwhile. It's the best parts of being a quilter. We so often take these blessings for granted. Take time to smell the turkey or ham, and call a couple of people close to you.

Our Quilt Show is just around the corner. Please make your items for the Boutique, finish your quilts to hang and plan to bring some friends with you to the Show. The Program budget depends on the activities you do to make money for the Guild. Please bring your items to the December and January meetings.

Let's have a great show so we can have a great budget.

'Til later.

Diana Wolf

It's Official !!

We're Moving !!

Effective December 14, 2024, the Guild will hold our 2nd Saturday meetings in the Sanctuary of the Rio Life Community Church, located at 1112 S Rio Rico Rd, Mercedes, Tx 78570.

Directions from Upper Valley - East on I-2 to Texas Ave exit, east on frontage road & turn right on Texas Ave to Bus 83 & Turn Left. East on Bus 83 to FM 491 (traffic light), turn Right on FM 491, go south on FM 491 approximately ¼ mile.

Church will be on driver's left just south of Tenth St (there is a traffic light at FM 491 and Tenth St)

Directions from Lower Valley - West on I-2 to Mile 1 East exit, west on frontage road & turn left on Mile 1 East. Go south on Mile 1 East to Bus 83 & turn right. Go west on Bus 83 to FM 491(traffic light). Turn left on FM491 & go south approximately ¼ mile. Church will be on driver's left just south of Tenth St (there is a traffic light at FM 491 and Tenth St)

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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@rgvqg.com

Military Service Quilts

There are bundled quilts ready to be quilted. Please consider helping out this way. Two Sew Days have been scheduled in January; watch for more information!

Lucy Klaas will be stepping down at the end of the year. Alyssa Gonzalez has volunteered to take this over in conjunction with Community Service. Chris Cowan will co-chair with her.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

December 19 - Diana Wolf
Featherweight Spa Day

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

February 6 - TBD

March 6 - Suzanne Brennan
Pockets A Plenty tote bag

The 2024 - 2025 Schoolhouse Classes are going strong for this season! We've had a class on the clip cushion, by Vicki Guerra, and one on the

3D teacup and saucer, by Erica Barron. Next up, in December, is our Featherweight Spa Day, by Diana Wolf; in January, our Fun Faces class, by Joy Paugh and in March, the bag with tons of pockets, by Suzanne Brennan.

A really special class has been added, in February, after we had to cancel the class by Cassino Richardson. **Jean Waufle has agreed to do a lecture and technique class on all the special stitches that are garnering lots of attention right now.** Boro, Big Stitch, Kantha, Kwandi and Sashiko methods of stitching have all been around for centuries. They come from Japan, Africa and India, and they are very similar, but used differently. Jean will explain the differences and you will do some stitching, but there will not be a specific class project. This class promises to be very interesting! But then, I think all the classes are fun, interesting, useful and entertaining, for a reasonable price.

Check them out on the Schoolhouse Classes page on the RGVQG website and sign up for a couple - you'll be glad you did! .

Most of the Schoolhouse 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, the classes will be held on the Thursday before the Guild meeting.

All classes will be from 9:00-3:00, at Pharr South, 1402 S. Cage, in their spacious sewing room. You may bring your lunch or go out to one of the nearby fast-food restaurants.

Sign up for the classes is ready now, along with pictures and supply lists (Thank You, Bonnie!). You may also see the class samples at the Guild meetings. Some of the classes will require pre-class work.

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

Many of you have already renewed your Guild Membership for 2025. For that, I thank you. I know that it is often easier to get that out of the way rather than waiting until December or January. But for clarification, your 2024 RGV Guild membership does carry you through to the end of December 2024.

Our "membership year" is technically from January 1st through December 31st in that calendar year.

There were many of you that paid for your 2025 dues at the October meeting. I am happy to announce that we currently have 95 paid members for the 2025 season. You might wonder if that number is good, same as last year, or not as good. Well....I am happy to say, that same time last year, we had 65 paid members....so we are WAY ahead of last year.

As for our Membership Contest....we have had 13 New or Returning members that are a direct result of a current member bringing them to the guild. That is an excellent effort from those of you that have participated. There is still plenty of time to enter into this challenge, the contest does not close until December 31, 2024.

Listed below is where the count stands:

Alyssa Gonzales = 1 new member
Paula McCutchen - 1 returning member
Carolyn Williams - 1 returning member
Nancy Boyer - 1 new member
Josie McKey - 5 new members / 4 returning members

Thank you all for your efforts....

If you have any questions concerning this contest, please email Debbie Williams at membership@rgvqg.com

Informational SMS (text) Messages

We will be able to send text messages to all our members after they've paid their 2025 dues. If you haven't paid your 2025 dues, you will not get any text messages from RGVQG. The text messages will be short messages asking you to check your email for additional information, e.g. "Please check your email regarding Saturday's Guild meeting" or "Please check your email regarding this month's Newsletter".

The first text message you get will be like the following:

"Please add +1 833-935-5165 to your contacts as RGVQG. These text messages will be from the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. Thanks Much bonnie m hall."

You don't have to wait for the first text message. You can add RGVQG to your contact list now. The first text message will then show up as "RGVQG"

In Memoriam

We were able to create a digital slide show for the 2024 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.

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 Happens 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

It's great to be part of such a generous group! Remember you can report online or print a donation form to bring to a meeting and/or mail it to me.

We need to update the online site. Please go to the locations by city and see if we need to remove or add locations. Let us know so we can get it up to date. It would be greatly appreciated!

November report, 487 items, 2008 hours, \$14,558 value. Fabulous!!!

RGV Quilt Show

By Renee Darkis

2025

Thank you all for really supporting the Totes and More project. I was so happy to have distributed all 20 totes on Saturday. A very big thank you to *Nancy Flarety* for donating all the fabric for the totes. Her collection of sewing related fabric is amazing! Her donation will help to make this even more profitable



for the Guild. I am anxious to see all the wonderful items to bid on at the show auctions. There will be 10 totes per day to for your bidding pleasure. This is one of the major funding activities at the show. Last year we made around \$4000 for the Guild. I'm sure we can do better this year.

I am so happy to announce that *Marilyn Heinz* from Harlingen will be the chair for this year. If you have any questions or concerns let her know. She will be an asset to the project. Thanks for supporting her.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT RAFFLE

Sales are going well so far. We reached \$1336 this month. Tickets are available for members to sell. Please get yours soon. I'm happy to announce that *Kathy Stevens* from Hidden Valley Ranch will be the sales chairperson to the raffle. The next goal is to reach \$2000 by the December meeting. I know we can do this. The Winter Texans are coming back quickly now.

The Quilt will be shown at Sam's Club in Harlingen on the last 3 Saturdays in November. Help selling tickets is always welcome. Shifts are 2-4 hours long and flexible. Please call Renee at 812-890-1572 if

you are able to work. It will be a fun time to be with friends and make money for the Guild. We still need someone to keep the calendar for the quilt. It's getting busy. This job just requires keeping the calendar of where the quilt will be and facilitating the transfer between people. You don't need to transport it, just keep track of it. Please call Renee 812-890-1572 if this is a job you can do.

Show T-Shirts

This artwork is being done, the shirts are being ordered. We only have one more thing to do- we need you to purchase them. I will have them at the December meeting. The price has gone up slightly but they are great shirts. We will keep the price as low as possible. I will have more information on the website as soon as the details are finalized.

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!!



Quilt Show Links

The following are links to various quilt show information and forms:

Register your Quilt this is the form to register your quilt for the show

Quilt Show Facebook Page

2025 Quilt Registration Categories this is information on the categories for the show

Quilt Preparation Guidelines this helps you prepare your quilt for drop-off

2025 Challenge Rules the rules for the challenge quilt category

2025 Chairs Choice the rules for the chairs choice quilt category

Quilt Appraisal Registration the form to get a quilt appraised

Boutique Pledge the form to pledge items for the boutique

Silent Auction Donation the form to donate an item to the silent auction

Quilt Show Committees this is a list of the different quilt show committees, please consider filling a vacant committee.

Volunteer Registration the form to become a volunteer for the quilt show (Feb 14-15, 2025) or any quilt show related activities, e.g. showing opportunity quilt, drop-off, pick-up, etc.

QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS

by Debbie Williams

As we prepare for the February 14th & 15th, 2025 Quilt Show on So Padre Island, I would like to encourage you to consider Volunteering for one or both of those days. I know that there are many of you that "always" volunteer to help with a particular activity, or at a particular booth. Thank you in advance! I do ask that you go ahead and fill out the Quilt Show Volunteer Registration form on the RGVQG website. From the main page, upper left, use the drop down menu and select "FORMS". If you scroll down a bit, you will see an area that is for the Quilt Show Forms. Select the "Volunteer Registration" form. Complete the form, and submit it. That alerts me of your intent.

At the December Guild Meeting, I will have a Volunteer Spreadsheet that you can fill in if you have not yet gone online.

Being a Volunteer at the show is a great way to experience the show. As a volunteer, you are given free admittance to the show for the day/s that you sign up to volunteer. There are multiple shifts each day, so you will still have time to enjoy the quilts and vendors either before or after your volunteer shift. So please consider volunteering.....and ask a friend to join you.

I look forward to having you as a volunteer....



ATTENTION!

The first donation has been received for the 2025 Silent Auction. I will admit that it is not in FIESTA colors, but it is a bucket list item for many sewists and quilters! This is a 1947 Singer Featherweight in excellent condition, with a case with an original tray and foot pedal. This machine will come with:

- a vintage manual,
- bobbins,
- a box of attachments including a $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot,
- a walking foot
- appropriate Featherweight grease and machine oil
- thread holder to allow use of cross wound threads
- screw drivers
- and other goodies.

There will be a reserve price which has not been decided yet!

This machine sews like a dream! In the past, a gift certificate for a Featherweight workshop has been available to bid on as well!

Totes n More

It was exciting to see all of Renee's totes leave the building! The next step is to fill those totes with fun stuff!

Since the fabric on the bags are mostly sewing related, do remember that not all of our guests at the quilt show are quilters or sewists! Here are other possible themes for bag contents.



- Chocolate
- Valentine's Day
- Coffee/tea
- Beach
- Bird Watching
- Kitchen
- Mexican cookbook and supplies
- Supplies to decorate for a Fiesta
- Grandchildren's visit bag
- Kites
- Use your imagination!

Boutique News

By Carmen Avila

Three months to the Show. We still have plenty of time to cut, pin, piece and sew! But do we? Busy months are nearing fall festivals, Thanksgiving, Christmas, time in which older families' members gather to recall precious moments of the past and the young will be making memories to be told. As for our Guild Family-What will be said about this year's Quilt Show? And will your /my contribution be that which will be



remembered and retold? Thank you to



those who dropped off donation at our November Guild meeting --**Thank you ladies;** I know they will be in the "bestselling" list for next show.

Please remember to make time to go on to the Guild website and

fill out a form indicating your donation and/or you're volunteering to help at the show-Boutique. Also: remember you can call me to come pick up items if you are not able to bring them to the guild meetings.

Bee News

The Pharr Bee Its is a bee of quilters who meet together regularly in the Pharr South Activity Center and are residents of Pharr South. We are a group of full time residents and Winter Texans.

We had a wonderful class at the end of last season where Mary Camp taught us how to make rope bowls. What fun we had during the class and several of us continue to make items out of rope using what Mary taught us. Mary is a great teacher and we appreciated her enthusiasm and her good nature.

The full-time residents of our bee met regularly during the summer on Wednesdays and sometimes Fridays, working on our own projects and sharing our ideas & skills with each other. This summer we went out to lunch together once a month to restaurants that each of us got to choose ahead of time. It was fun being able to try different restaurants and fellowship together around a meal.

During the fall and winter season our group grows-- there are now 22 of us! This past year the chairperson of our Pharr South Quilt Show, Dolly Lauzon, challenged each of us to make at least one large quilt (twin or larger) to be displayed at our own 2025 quilt show, scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2025. Many have been working diligently to have their quilts ready for our quilt show.

A fun project that our large group does is what we call the "Ugly Fabric Project". One person donates sufficient fabric of what she considers UGLY to distribute a fat quarter to each member of our bee. Then we are challenged to make something out of that fat quarter in time for our yearly in-house retreat the second week of November. We just finished this year's retreat and recognition was given to the winners--best use of the ugly fabric: in a large quilt, in the most useful object, 2 items created out of the fat quarter, etc. Not everyone thought the fabric was ugly and some beautiful items

were made, but the person who donated the fabric thought it was UGLY. We distributed the ugly fabric fat quarters for next year's project and all but one



of us thought it was UGLY! We will have to think creatively to make some beautiful items this coming year.

During our recent in-house retreat Marge Lawrence taught a class where each participant made the Stand and Stow bag. Our group funds supplied the Peltex 71f and strapping for the bag handles for all of us. We each made our own fabric choices so plenty of variety can be seen in the photo posted on Facebook. Marge did a great job teaching the class and was patient to work with us as a group and also to us individually when we needed help. Lunch was provided by a few members so we were able to make use of the extra time this afforded us by not having to go home or out to eat. We will be displaying our bags at our quilt show in January as well as any other items we make during classes.

Each year we make a quilt that is raffled off in our park at the end of the season. Several of us visited Annie's Quilting Corner and Kathe Letulle's Quilter's This & That Corner quilt shops to purchase the fabric for the raffle quilt for the 2025-2026 season. The fabric will be used to create a queen/king double carpenter star quilt. Bonnie Hall cut the fabric into smaller sections and it was distributed to quilters in our group during our retreat to make half square triangles. They will be combined with more fabric that others of our group will work on to construct the quilt. Many hands work on each year's quilt and when we finish piecing the

top Bonnie quilts it on her long arm quilting machine and one of us binds it. What a blessing Bonnie is to our bee!

Sue Tennyson is the chairperson for our bee's charity quilt projects. She spends most of her time cutting fabric for others to make charity quilts as well as sewing charity quilts. Many Saturdays she and others from our bee meet together to tie the quilt tops that our members have made. These quilts are then donated to several different deserving organizations: Pharr Police and Pharr Fire Department, Driscoll Children's Hospital and the Foster Care program, are some of the organizations.

Thursdays are usually UFO days and Jackie Landon is the chairperson for it. Pharr South residents are welcome to come to the Activity Center to work on their own projects, whether it be quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting or other crafting. It's a good time to be with friends chatting and working on their projects in a great, convenient location.

We are a busy group that love quilting together and enjoying each other's company. We have made deep friendships and care about each other and what's happening in the lives of those in our group and in our park. Almost half of our bee belong to the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild (several serving on the board) and find that to be very enriching to our quilting lives.

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice.

Treasurer Report

The October 2024 Treasurer's Report & the 2025 Budget information have been posted to the guild website's Members Only page. You can view these documents by:

Accessing rgvqg.com

Click on the "Members Only" tab

Enter the appropriate password

Scroll down to the bottom of the page

Click on "Treasurer Reports"

Click on the appropriate document

If you have any questions or comments, I can be contacted at

Cell # 740-398-4142

Email rgvqg.treasurer@gmail.com or
treasurer@rgvqg.com

Programs

By Josie McVey

We are in need of a person or two, A Bee, to consider signing up to do Friendship Day. This is a fun event for the Guild members, a time to come together and bring friends who may want to join our Guild. Please be encouraged to take on this worthwhile event.

On Saturday, November 9, 2024 we look forward to having Dr. Lisa Irby provide a Color Theory Lecture: Color Splash—May I Complement You? Dr. Irby's aim through this presentation is to heighten our love of color and embolden us to take a dare and explore the full spectrum of the beauty of color. To stretch our imagination about what works well and see what else might work, also.

On Friday, December 13, 2024 we have Betty Chouinard teaching a class on a Mini Plaid-ish Quilt (scrappy).

On Saturday, December 14, 2024 we will have a zoom lecture presentation by Emily Bailey with Aunt Em's Quilts on "Discover the Possibilities Hidden in Your Scraps."

On Friday, January 10, 2025 we will have Sue Heinz provide a workshop on "Caffeinated Quilting." This workshop is based on her latest book by the same title. Sue Heinz is the owner of Kismet Quilting LLC, and the author of two Drawn to Mastery series workbooks, Fill Harmonics, Elemental Designs. She has also developed a range of innovative and easy-to-use marking tools and quilting rulers.

On Saturday, January 11, 2025 Sue Heinz will have a lecture presentation on "You've Got a Friend Named Elmer."

On Saturday, March 8, 2025 we look forward to having the RUMMAGE SALE at Casa del Sol in Donna, chaired by Nancy Malmin. Let's come together and assist Nancy with organizing, setting up, and gathering items that will become someone else's treasures.

On April 11 & 12, 2025 we will have a class and lecture presentation by an upcoming Guild member, Erica Barron, she is full of Energy, Enthusiasm, and Excited to share her talent. Final arrangements pending.

On May 10, 2025 we will have a zoom presentation by Kathie Beltz. Her zoom lecture presentation: Easy Color For Quilters. If confused by the color wheel? Do you know how to use the color wheel to choose colors for your quilts? This lecture breaks down all the technical color terms into easy, everyday English so that any quilter can understand them. Then those terms are related directly to quilts during the trunk show. Once you understand the basics, you can apply them to your quilts and watch them sparkle!

As of now we only have February and July, 2025 available to get presenters and/or instructors for a

class. We welcome any and all suggestions that you may want to offer.

Please go on our Guild website, rgvqg.com, and read up on the presenters/instructors and support our Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild by signing up for the Program and Schoolhouse classes. Let's come together and share what we know and learn something new.

Day 1 Bags

Our guild committed to donate 20 quilts for 2025. If you would like to participate let Bonnie Hall or Alyssa Gonzalez know. You can contact Alyssa, **text (best) or call her cell phone at (956) 578-3352** or via email agonzalez@nplexusrgv.com.

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD
November 9, 2024 (Annual Meeting)

Our meeting was called to order at 9am by Diana Wolf, president.

Josie McVey introduced our speaker, Dr Lisa Irby with a brief biography of her art work. She presented her program but there were a lot of technical problems with our Zoom program. She did her best and those of us that were on Zoom still got a lot of information from her presentation.

Kathe Letulle announced the change in our by-laws that was posted in the newsletter. It is rule 1.06 to establish a board of directors that is advisory only as per Texas law. Carolyn Williams made a motion to accept the change with a second by Heather Nelson. Motion passed with a show of hands.

Kathe Letulle also announced that money for the retreats is due at our next meeting.

We have an election of officers today as this is our annual meeting. Nominations are Lynn Johnson for first vice-president: membership chairperson, Chris Cowan for third vice-president: community service chairperson. Mike Hall for treasurer. Our new and returning officers were voted in with a show of hands.

Mike Hall, Treasurer, Announced a change of venue to the Rio Life Church in Mercedes. Mike will try to negotiate a rental agreement for \$250 per meeting. A motion was made and seconded to try to negotiate an agreement for \$250 per meeting. He states that \$250 a month is doable. Mike also has the 2025 budget listed in the website. Please review it. The treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

Diana Wolf states that we still need volunteers for MSQ chairperson and Friendship Day chairperson.

Debbie Williams, membership chairperson, said there were 95 people at our meeting, 12 attendees on Zoom and 13 visitors. Debbie is also in charge of volunteers for the quilt show. She will have sign up sheets ready at our meeting in December. Lila Helm, secretary, Minutes will be filed as printed in the newsletter.

Chris Cowan, community service, says she has forms with her for your use to report what you have done. She reported 63 items were donated for a total of 44 hours for \$3,581.50.

Newsletter - she only puts them in, we have to give the interesting articles.

ZOOM QUIT....missed part of meeting

Bonnie Hall was explaining the sign up for United Health to get your \$50.

Josey McVey, program chairperson, thanked our speaker for today's program. Next month our speaker will be Emily Baily, aka Aunt Em. Please check the website and newsletter for all upcoming programs.

Dale Shafer, schoolhouse, said she has information about the classes set up on a table in

the back of the room. Please check the newsletter for more information.

Elaine Hall, hostess, did the door prize drawing. Carrah Maney, fat quarter draw, did the drawing. We are finally at the end of the fat quarters we got when A Block Away closed, Alyssa Gonzalez told us about Quilts for Seniors. Quilts are made and given to graduating seniors that are in foster care.

Had Show and Tell

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lynn Johnson, seconded by Carrah Maney. Motion carried, motion adjourned.

Lila Helm, secretary
Secretary, Lila Helm

Debra Warner(This is an article written by Debi for Quilting Hub!)

Should I Have My Quilt Appraised?

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"If you don't have a written appraisal and something happens to the quilt, your insurance will only give you the cost of a blanket from a big box store." We've all heard this statement when planning for a quilt show that will offer the services of a certified appraiser. Generally, this is true.

But my first experience with a quilt appraiser was so much more! The appraiser asked so many good

questions about my quilt. It really made me think that I should probably be recording some of this information even if I don't plan to have a certain quilt appraised. For example, she asked what batting was used in the quilt. Over time, this would be helpful to know.

She also asked about the origin of the fabric and KNEW when I wasn't complete in my answer. She told me that some of the fabric was older than what I had purchased. Oh yeah, some of it came from my mother's stash. I forgot about that.

Here are some things that you might not know about appraisals that might be helpful to you.

There are standards that quilt appraisers follow. Quilt appraisers are well educated and are certified by professional organizations. If you are curious, you can research this information. Be aware that a retail associate at an antique store is probably not certified. Also, if the person offers to purchase the quilt, you most likely aren't dealing with a certified appraiser as this violates their ethics.

The appraiser will need to see the quilt in person. A photograph will not tell the appraiser enough about the fabric and the workmanship.

There is more than one way to appraise a quilt. Just as in real estate, some are valued at the fair market price. That means the value assigned is the same as that for which a similar quilt has sold.

This method means that you may be able to purchase a similar item for the specified amount. The comparable quilts would be similar in pattern and fabric. These quilts may not appraise for as much as the owner might wish, but certainly more than a big box store blanket.

Fair market value is the only method available for vintage and antique quilts.

Another method is reconstruction of a similar quilt. This method might be used when a quilt is

unique in idea, construction, etc. These quilts generally have no market equivalent and might appraise at a higher value than expected. Labor-intensive design elements used in reconstruction would increase the replacement price.

Due to the above, an appraisal should be done every three to five years. Let's face it, times change.

A history of quilt sales by a quilter would also be taken into consideration. Sales receipts for such sales should be given to the appraiser.

A complete description of the quilt, including photographs, measurements, and the appraiser's workmanship comments are included with the appraisal.

Today's Internet feed contained a photo of a quilt recovered after the tornadoes in Tennessee. Luckily, the quilt was in pristine condition. The finders are trying to return the quilt to the rightful owner. An appraisal document would most certainly establish the ownership of such a treasure.

Asking the question, "Should you have your quilt appraised?" The answer is:

What if your children found your great grandmother's quilt carefully stored in your attic? Would they value it? Would they treat it differently if a certified appraisal statement was packed with it? I think we know the answer is, "Yes!"



The image shows a business card for "Quilters This N That Korner". On the left side, there is a logo consisting of a red circle with the letters "T", "N", and "T" stacked vertically inside it, and a red line that loops around the bottom and right side of the circle. Below the logo, the text "Quilters This N That Korner" is written in a stylized, serif font. Underneath that, "Mercedes, Texas" is written in a smaller, simpler font. On the right side of the card, the text "100% Cotton Fabric Cotton and Wool Batting Notions" is written in a serif font. Below that, the address "1001 Segovia Llano Grande RV Resort Mercedes, TX 78570" is listed, followed by the phone number "(956) 272-2377", the email address "quilterstntkorn@gmail.com", and the name "Kathè Letulle - Owner". At the bottom right, it says "Call for an appointment".

Frequently Asked Questions



What is Grouper and how does it work?

Grouper is your gateway to vibrant social connections. We seamlessly work with health plans to support the cost of staying active, ensuring you can reap the benefits of Social Fitness for improved mental, physical and social well-being.

Why did we partner with Grouper?

This partnership opens doors for our eligible members, age 65 and older, to enjoy an initial \$50 payment as well as ongoing activity payments by Grouper. These payments are made possible by Grouper's partnerships with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement plans.

This sounds too good to be true, what's the catch?

There is no catch! Grouper recognizes what medical and social research have now well documented: building and maintaining social connections become more difficult as we age. Simply put, group activities lead to longer and healthier lives. Grouper helps eligible members access and make the most of their health plans' social activity benefits.

Is my privacy protected?

Yes. Your information is not sold. Grouper will only share your information as needed for the purposes of administering your health benefit. For further information, see the [Privacy Policy](#).

What do I need to sign up for Grouper?

- Basic contact information (Name, Phone, Email, Zip Code)
- Health plan information
- In some cases, Grouper might ask for your membership number, if relevant

How do I get started?

STEP 1: Register online to confirm your eligibility at:

GrouperGroups.com/RGVQQ

STEP 2: Tell Grouper where to send the check.

STEP 3: Keep participating in your passion!

Once your eligibility and group membership are confirmed, Grouper will send you an initial payment of \$50. For each three months of activity after that, Grouper will send \$20, if you stay active and keep Grouper updated on your in-person social activity!



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PROUD TO BE INCLUDED IN:



Fall Quilt Show

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH
CLUBHOUSE

7600 LONG DRIVE, PALMVIEW, TX

DATE: Tuesday Nov. 26, 2024

TIME: 9 a.m. to Noon



Purpose: Showcase quilts made this summer and fall by various quilters to support Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries, Los Fresnos, TX and residents of Casa Hogar Bethel Orphanage.

Quilt tops came from local quilters, members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, out of town family members and members of the Prairie Quilt Guild in Nebraska. **Thirty plus** completed quilts of various sizes, styles, colors and designs will be on display. Each resident of Casa Bethel will receive one of these quilts for their very own.

Information Tables:

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries – Speak



to their representatives to learn more about their history,

ministries and projects, as well as more about the Casa Hogar Bethel Orphanage.

Casa Hogar Bethel Orphanage – Among the



SWGSM's most cherished outreach ministries is Casa Hogar Bethel, an orphanage

located in the neighboring border city of Matamoros, state of Tamaulipas, Mexico. This home for orphaned and abandoned children was born from the hearts of its founding directors, pastors Lorena Garza and her late husband, Ismael Sifuentes.



Texas Fiesta

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

Feb. 14-15, 2025
South Padre Island
Convention Center



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild & Quilt Show – See the Opportunity Quilt

and Quilted Nativity Wall hanging being raffled off at this year's quilt show.



Tickets will be available for purchase. Help support the RGV Quilt Guild's many community service projects, scholarships & Military quilts.

