



RGVQGG News

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

President's Threads That Bind

I am thankful and grateful to be in the company of quilters. We like to learn skills and enjoy each other's company. We share those skills with others. Quilting provide exercise for our mind and a chance to stretch our skills. The repetition used to make blocks can be calming. We make items and serve other organizations by making useful items to help people in many situations. There is a bit of love in everything we make.

Important news- this year Quilt Show t-shirts will ONLY be available before the Show. They will NOT be sold at the Show. You can order through the Guild webpage or you can order at the January meeting and pay by check or cash for delivery at the February meeting.

I hope everyone travels safely and had an enjoyable holiday season.

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; the 15th at Trophy Gardens and the 22nd at Snow to Sun.

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.

The Sew and Sew Quilt Bee at Snow to

Sun Park will have our annual Military Sew Day on Wednesday January 22, 2025, from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. We are inviting anyone who would like to come and enjoy sewing the military quilt tops with us. This year there will be new patterns and kits available, or bring your own pattern and kit.

We will serve a lunch and have a lot of treats for everyone to enjoy. Bring your own sewing machine or we have extras that you can use. Come and have a fun day. We will have a lot of room and tables in the hall to sew on. The address is 1701 N International Blvd, Weslaco.

We would appreciate if you let us know you are coming so the kitchen staff will know how much to prepare. Please call or text Linda Burggraff at 320-360-5716. or email lab4183@gmail.com

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

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

February 6 - Jean Waufle

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, in December, was our Featherweight Spa Day, by Diana Wolf; Next up 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

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. For that, I thank you. We currently have 144 paid members for the 2025 season. I am happy to say, that same time last year, we had 132 paid members for the 2024 season. So we are still a little ahead of last year."

"As for the Membership Contest...we have 18 New or Returning members as a direct result of a current member bringing them to the guild."

Alyssa Gonzales - 1 new member
Paula McCutchen - 1 returning member
Carolyn Williams - 1 returning member
Nancy Boyer - 1 new member
Jeanne Nickila - 1 new member
Glenna Lou Nelson - 1 returning member
Linda Burggruff - 1 new and 2 returning members
Josie McVey - 5 new and 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"

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

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 was October 1, 2024, so the shirts could be ordered in bulk and will be delivered once they are embroidered. The next order date was 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 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!

December report, 158 items, 1905 hours, \$13,791.25 value. Fabulous!!!

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.



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 Flarity* 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 in November. 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 was to reach \$2000 by the December meeting. I know we can do this. The Winter Texans are coming back quickly now.

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

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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....



Bonnie Feyerabend Hall

Admin 3d · 🌐

Quilt registration ends Saturday, January 25, 2025. We still need at LEAST 100 more entries. Please check out the categories that need more entries. If you have any questions or need help registering a quilt, please contact me, 740-398-1629.

Category	Entry#	#Entries	1/1/2025 7:24
Wall Hangings -Small	101-199	5	
Wall Hangings -Large	201-299	10	
Art Quilts	301-399	9	
Bed Quilts - Medium	401-499	10	
Bed Quilts - Small	501-599	7	
Modern Quilts	601-699	2	
Bed Quilts - Large	701-799	6	
Hand Work	801-899	1	
Machine Work	901-999	3	
Wearable	1001-1099	10	
Home Decor	1101-1199	17	
Novice	1201-1299	2	
Youth	1301-1399	10	
Upcycle/Recycle	1401-1499	1	
Group	1501-1599	29	
Challenge	1601-1699	2	
Chair's Choice	1701-1599	3	
Total Entries		127	YEA! But need MORE



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 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!

Boutique News

By Carmen Avila



Two months to the Show. We still have plenty time to cut, pin,



piece and sew! But do we? Busy months of fall festivals, Thanksgiving, Christmas, have flown by; 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 past few 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.

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!

Please return at the January meeting.

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!!



Bee News

The Green Gate Bee embodies generosity at its finest. Every year, they create over 150 quilts and gather food and monetary donations to uplift the residents of St. Anne Church in Penitas, reaching out to over 150 individuals in need.



Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice.

Treasurer Report

The November 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

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I also want to thank each one of you for your support to the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. As members, it is my hope, that we may be encouraged to be as active as we are able to be, to encourage our friends to join our Guild and facilitate learning more about our passion for quilting. More membership equals quality speakers, instructors, and growth in learning.

I want to thank our Guild members who so graciously give of their time to teach and share their knowledge with us.

Please check out the classes and dates listed and sign up early. If you have any suggestions or recommendations please don't hesitate to inform me.

Classes are held at Pharr South Park, 1402 S Cage Blvd in Pharr, Tx. Guild Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at Rio Life Community Church, 1112 S Rio Rico Rd, Mercedes, Tx.

Breaking News!!

Change has taken place. Sue Heinz will have two classes on **Friday, January 10th**. In the morning from 9 to 12:30, Sue Heinz's class will be on **Binding Perfection**. Let Sue elevate your binding skills by showing a technique that is pin-free, math-free, and guarantees show-quality results. Once that technique is firmly in your mind, she will then take you on a journey from Bland to Grand - as she demonstrates innovative ideas for incorporating into your bindings: lace, beads, zippers, split bindings and more.

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

In the afternoon from 1 to 4, Sue Heinz's class will be on **Precision Curves**. This class will focus on how to sew precision curves using a Drunkard's Path block. Don't be fooled into thinking this is the 'same old technique you are used to. This amazing technique will have you producing four blocks at a time with the help of a template you will create. With the addition of Elmer's School Glue, you will experience piecing accuracy like never before - without relying on any pins, clips, or gadgets.

Sue Heinz is the owner of Kismet Quilting LLC, and is the author of two Drawn to Mastery series workbooks, Fill Harmonics, Elemental Designs and her latest book, Caffeinated Quilting. She has developed a range of Innovative and easy-to-use marking tools and quilting rulers.

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Sue Heinz's class will be on You've Got a Friend Named Elmer. Imagine a world where every seam you stitch is perfect...every block true to size. Can

you also imagine precisely matching stripes, accurately piecing circles (with ease), and eliminating bias stretch forever? Wanna dream ever more? Imagine never having to Rip again! Sue Heinz guarantees you will achieve your wildest piecing dreams when you see this simple technique that requires no pins, clips, or gadgets. A MUST SEE that will ROCK your piecing world!

February 8, 2025 - OPEN

March 8, 2025 - Rummage Sale - Rio Life Community Church, 1112 S Rio Rico Rd, in Mercedes

April 11 & 12, 2025 - Class & Lecture - Contract Pending

May 10, 2025 - Class - Contract Pending

May 11, 2025 - Zoom Lecture by Kathie Beltz - "Easy Color for Quilters"

June 13 & 14, 2025 Class & Lecture - Dawn Larson - Contract Pending

July 11 & 12, 2025 - OPEN

August 8 & 9, 2025 - Class & Lecture - Jan Bathke One Block Wonder - Contract Pending

September 12 & 13, 2025 - Class & Lecture - Barbara Gary - A Judy Niemeyer Paper Foundation Class - Contract Pending

October 10 & 11, 2025 - Class & Lecture - Liz Wood - The Quilted Cowgirl - T-Shirt Quilt - Contract Pending

November 7 & 8, 2025 - Class & Lecture - Betty Chouinard - Contract Pending

December 12 & 13, 2025 - Class & Lecture - Regina Earley - Contract Pending.

More information on the Class/Lecture Presentations as soon as Contracts are signed

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

December 14, 2024

Diana Wolf, President called our meeting to order at 9am.

Josie McVey, Program Chair, introduced our speaker, Emily Bailey. She is a scrap quilter. Her presentation is called "Discover the Possibilities." She states you can always fix your mistakes. It's just an opportunity to design something new! She had lots of wonderful information. So creative.

Mike Hall, treasurer, published the financial report for the previous month. It will be placed on file for audit.

Lila Helm, secretary, her report is in the newsletter. It will be filed as printed. Motion made by Cynthia Williams, second by Paula McCutchen.

Mike Hall, treasurer. Presented this month's budget. He has it posted in our newsletter. The report will be placed on file.

Debbie Williams, Membership Chair, (Lynn Johnson and Kris Driscoll will be taking over this

position in 2025) We have 86 members present and 12 visitors.

Community Service, no report. Diana is willing to give any forms to Chris if you have any.

Josie McVey, Program Chair, thanked Betty and Emily for the class and presentation. She has a schedule for upcoming classes and presentations posted in the newsletter. There is a change for the January schedule. January 10th will be 2 classes for the price of 1. Please go to the website and sign up. There are only 9 seats remaining.

Renee Darkis, Quilt Show Chair, reports she is getting the Opportunity Quilt pattern on a Villa Rosa design card. Totes and More need to be turned in at the January meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BeeKeeper - Absent

By-Laws - Kathe Letulle has had a family emergency and is not present.

Diane Otto - Historian Chair - is getting all the information she has organized.

Elaine Hall - Hostess - no report

Susan Coleman - Library Chair - is reaching out to the volunteers to help her as she moves forward.

Lucy Klass - Military Service - reminded us of the two sew days she has scheduled in January on the 15th at Trophy Gardens and the 22nd at Snow to Sun...lunch will be provided both days.

Marsha Santow - Publicity Chair - is working with Welcome Home to have a flyer posted in the paper. She has 2 ads scheduled for the flyer, one for the guild and one for the quilt show. She has a table at the Welcome Home event, and she needs volunteers to man the table.

Retreats and waiting lists are full.

Donna Otto - Scholarship - is reviewing the guidelines to see if they need to be updated.

Dale Shafer - Schoolhouse Chair - wants us to be aware that her schedule is posted in the newsletter. Please check it out and sign up for classes.

Jackie Landon - Sunshine and Shadows - wants you to please let her know if you know someone that needs a card.

Elaine Hall - Hostess - handed out door prizes.

Carrah Maney - Fat Quarter Draw - called out the winning tickets.

Show and Tell - Amazing talent in our group!!

Carolyn Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Laura Cox

Meeting adjourned.

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!"



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Kathè Letulle - Owner

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Korner
Mercedes, Texas

Call for an appointment

The Blue Triangle Quilt Guild of Houston Texas is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2025 with a quilt show. Our quilt show "Celebrating our Silver 25th Quiltversary" will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Wendell Neal Memorial Family Life Center on the Campus of Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 7034 Tierwester, Houston, TX 77021.

Please pass along this flyer to your guild membership.



THE BLUE TRIANGLE QUILT GUILD
CELEBRATES
SILVER
25th
QUILTVERSARY
Quilt Show

Featuring 150+ Quilts
SATURDAY
February 22, 2025
9:00AM - 5:00PM

ADMISSION \$10
(children under 6 are free)

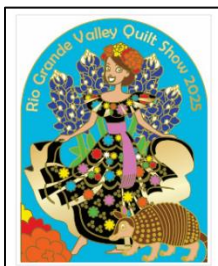
SPECIAL EXHIBITS:
Underground Railroad Exhibit / In Remembrance Exhibit
Guild Member Challenge Quilts / Opportunity Quilt (6 tickets \$5)
Demos / Vendors / Food Truck(s) On Site

The Blue Triangle Quilt Guild of Houston Texas is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2000.

Designed by Adrian Cooper, BTQG Member

Wendell Neal Memorial Family Life Center
(on the campus of Lilly Grove Baptist Church)
7034 Tierwester Houston, TX 77021

Should you have any questions, you can call or text our President, Brenda Kinner-Sandles at 713-412-1646 or email us at bluetrianglequiltguild@gmail.com



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 Guild's many community service projects, scholarships & Military quilts.

