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President's Threads That Bind

May is always a season for growth and the Guild is growing a bit at a time. Plans to increase membership, have a bigger and better quilt show and a few other interesting ideas are in the works. If you want to know more like minded people, get involved on a committee or project. It's a good and fun bunch to be around.

I will be away in June . We are all replaceable and I am confident the Guild will be just fine.

One of the best things is that we all learn from experience. Guild members hold diverse views on how to do different quilt blocks as well as how to run a meeting. It makes for interesting times as we learn from each other.

Best wishes to you all and home to see you in July.
Keep on stitchin' on,

Diana Wolf, President

Editor's Note

I apologize for the late newsletter. I came home from our nephew's graduation with a nasty cold that lingered far too long! I finally felt the brain fog was clearing and started Friday only to have a 8 hour long power outage derail me! Hope to do better in June!
Chris Cowan

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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

Rosemary Kramer and Nancy Malmin

6 Quilts quilted and 1 wheelchair quilts turned in. 1 presented out. Any quilts that need turned in this summer can be given to Diana Wolf. She will make sure I get them when I or Nancy return to the valley.

We need volunteers to quilt the bundled ones we have ready. They only need quilted as we have others that will bind them. If you are willing to do some over the summer let Nancy, Rosemary or Diana know. They can be delivered to the meetings.

Thank you to all and keep sewing your military tops this summer.

60 X 72 (twin) or 36 X 42 or 46 (wheelchair/lap).

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

The 2024 - 2025 Schoolhouse Classes were great 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; January, our Fun Faces class, by Joy Paugh, Stitches by Jean Waufle, February, and Pockets a-Plenty Tote by Suzanne Brennan, March.

Be on the lookout for the new great lineup of classes for this coming year. It'll be another chance to learn from our talented friends and guild members as they share their talents and expertise.



Membership Information

by Kris Driscoll for Lynne Johnson,

Membership Chair

Current 2025 membership of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild is 236. All membership numbers this year start with the first 3 digits being 250, so if you notice your membership number starts with those numbers you can be confident you're registered.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership and are reaping the benefits of being in our guild.

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.

Programming Heads Up!!

This year the Houston Quilt Show has changed its traditional dates and will coincide with the Guild's October Program Class & General Meeting. Soon, a bulk email will be sent to all members polling your current plans regarding your potential attendance at either the class or Saturday meeting. It will be worded in a manner to allow a standard reply with a "Yes or No" response. The results of the poll will permit our program chair to adjust the class and program, if necessary. If you have questions, please contact Josie or Bonnie.

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)

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.

In Memoriam

We want to keep an updated digital slide show for that allows 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 is the key to make sure no one is left out.

Summer Youth Camp

I'm absolutely buzzing with excitement to announce our amazing **youth camp** taking place on June 25 and 26 at the Texas Agri Life Extension, located at 410 N 13th Ave, Edinburg! Get ready for a whirlwind of creativity as we kick off the fun from 8:30 am to noon, crafting an incredible 24x24 quilt block together!

Kids will dive into a hands-on adventure, piecing, quilting, and binding their very own blocks! And that's not all—each creation will come to life with an envelope backing to transform them into cozy pillows!

A huge shoutout to our fantastic Master Clothing



Volunteers who met on April 29 to prepare for this thrilling youth camp. They're pumped to share their knowledge about piecing the blocks and can't wait to join in the fun!

This is an unforgettable opportunity for creativity and joy—mark your calendars and get ready to unleash your inner artist! Don't let this chance pass you by!

Retreat News

by *Kathe Letulle*

2025 RETREAT DATES

Friendship Star - March 10 - 14, 2025

Bluebonnet Friends - March 16 - 20, 2025

Great time was had by all.

Be on the lookout for next year's dates!

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

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Community Service

by *Chris Cowan*

Item	HR VALUE	Qty
Quilts		
Fleece		
Baby-Lap-Afghan		
Crib-Youth		
Twin		
Double-Full		
Queen-King		
Military		
Baby		
Caps/Booties		
Gowns/Rompers		
Burp Cloths/Bibs		
Preemie Caps/Blankets		
Cancer		
Hats-Bandanas		
Pillows		
Toys		
Fabric Animals		
Dog Bed - Puppy Pillows		
Other		
Pillow Cases		
Gift Bags - Book Covers		
Walker Caddies		
Tote-Purse-Poncho		
Fabric (Total Yards)		
Notions (Total #)	10/1	
Toiletries (Total #)	25/1	

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.

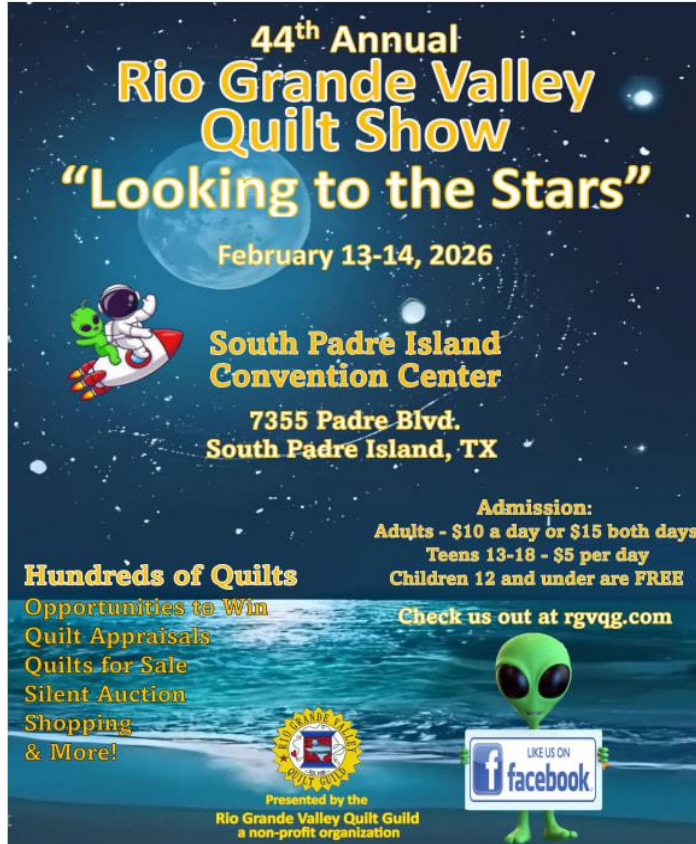
Please go to the locations by city and see if we need to remove or add locations. Let us know so we can get it up to date. It would be greatly appreciated!

This is the paper form to report your donations on and I've added the hours each item is counted as. The hours are then multiplied by \$7.25/ hr, the going federal minimum wage to determine the value of the donation. [Click for On-line form.](#)

May: 343 items, 3828 hours, \$27,753 value

RGV Quilt Show

By Renee Darkis



Quilt Show Links

The following are links to various quilt show information and forms. They will be updated soon to 2026 information.

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

Quilt Show Facebook Page

2026 Quilt Registration Categories this is information on the categories for the show

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

2026 Quilt and Theme Challenges the rules for the Quilt (previous Chair's Choice) Challenge and the rules for the Theme (previous Challenge) Challenge categories.

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 position.

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.

Treasurer Report

The April Treasurer's report has been posted to the **Members Only** page of the Guild's website (rgvqg.com). The treasury has received 94% of the projected annual revenue and there have been no unexpected expenses to date.

The Guild's 7-month CD matured on April 13, 2025, at a value of \$21,109.06, and per the RGVQG Board's authorization, was surrendered to allow re-investment in a new 7-month CD which was purchased on April 14th. The Board also authorized the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Guild's checking account to increase the CD purchase price to \$31,109.06 at a rate of 3.93% with an annual yield of 4%, maturing on November 14, 2025.

The 2025 Budget information & the monthly Treasurer's Reports are 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

Respectfully, Mike Hall

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice

Bee News

Queen City Bee will be sharing our knowledge on Quilting at the Weslaco Library on Thursdays from 5 to 7:30 pm. Let me say that this would not be possible without the Guild's contributions of scraps. We "thank you" for that.

Thank you for all the help that you provide our **Queen City Bee!**

This is our attempt to "Help Build the Next Generation of our Guild." We want to target younger ladies to learn and grow in our passion for quilting.

We ask that you consider donating sewing notions, like scissors, pins, pin cushions, etc.

For the months of June and July we are contemplating being a part of the Weslaco Library Program of Learning, sharing our knowledge of quilting. Our goal is to share with participants our joy for quilting, learn about our the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild and possibly adding new members. We welcome any suggestions that you may have for us.

Summer has arrived! Those lazy, hazy days of summer slows things down a bit. Yes, even our meetings for **Mission Bee** are affected. July meetings could be canceled due to other activities & availability of our meeting place at Upper Valley Art League in Mission. When August arrives our meeting schedule (the first & third Mondays each month) will resume. Our members have been working on "wet" projects. Lots of fun & the creative juices were flowing. Original landscapes, painted flowers, & more were created using different mediums on fabric. A challenging project for a scrappy quilt is also being undertaken by members. We all wish everyone a happy summer!

The **Fiber Art Unlimited Bee** gathered to create an inspiring Abstract Art Piece. The next show will be in May at the Upper Valley Art League-Mission. The Group meets At the Upper Valley Art League -Mission. On Monday's.



Programs

By Josie McVey

Thank you for your support of the Program Classes. Classes will be held from 9 am to 3 pm and you may bring your lunch and drink. Please keep in mind that registering for a Program Class, is very inexpensive in comparison to going to Houston or any other place and taking classes. You will learn something regardless of your experience in quilting and more importantly you will share your time with good friends sharing the same passion for learning. Thank you for your consideration for supporting the Guild activities.

At our **June 14th** Guild Meeting - a Zoom Presentation by Brenda Logan, Conquering Mount Scrapmore. Brenda Logan empowers quilters to be creative, provides basic block case studies and then information on how to elevate a block to

something special. Brenda is from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

On **July 11th** we will have a class at Pharr South from 9 am to 3 pm, please bring your own lunch and drink.

We will have one of our own members of our Guild, Erica Baron, share her very own design of a bag pattern—Erica's Convenient Purse—Are you ready for a new challenge? Join Erica in making — Erica's Convenient Purse. [Click here to sign up.](#)

On **July 12th** at our Guild Meeting we will have our Guild President, Diana Wolf, make a presentation on — Fibonacci!!! The secret to How to Make Your Quilts Look Better! It is found everywhere in nature. It is used in architecture to make things look more pleasing to the eye. Come and learn how to use It and elevate your quilting game. It's easy to use!

On **September 12 & 13** we will have from New Mexico, Barbara Gary. Barbara Gary is a Judy Niemeyer Paper Foundation Certified Instructor. The class on Friday will be on Tea Time Placemats. Details on supply list and lecture presentation will follow.

December 12& 13, 2025 we will have Regina Earley providing a class of Scrappy Appliqué. This will be a Fun, Fast and Forgiving workshop great for quilters of any level. This collaged raw-applique class teaches several machine finishing options. It is a "use what you have" scrap-friendly project. More details on a kit and supply list will follow. Topic for the Guild Meeting on December 13th will be announced later.

Information on classes and lecture/presentation for August, October and November will be announced later.

Here is the link to the lecture handout for the May program

[Easy Color for Quilters lecture handout](#)

This information is also available in the Files section of our Facebook page and in the Past Programs (bottom of [Programs - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild](#) page)

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD MEETING May 10, 2025

Diana Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:56am. Josie McVey introduced our speaker, Kathy Beltz. It was a great presentation. We learned about how the color wheel worked and so much more.

Kathe Letulle won her door prize.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Hall - he explained our CD coming due on the 15th. He has purchased another CD that includes \$10,000 from the quilt show. His report will be placed on file for audit. Secretary's Report - Lila Helm - her report will be filed as printed.

Membership - Lynn Johnson - 55 present today and 5 guests. Seven members on Zoom. Currently, we have 236 members,

Community Service - Chris Cowan - She had 241 items donated, hours donated is 3,413 with a value of \$22,580.

Newsletter - Chris Cowan - she is going to be gone so please get your articles to her as soon as possible.

Programs - Josie McVey - She announced that Pancho is extending his sale. She is still looking for someone for the October Program.

BeeKeepers - Florea Flores (Upper Bee) and Janie Shoemaker (Lower Bee) - The Bees do not meet in the summer. Janie did get to visit Josie's group at the Weslaco library.

Military Service Quilts - Diana announced that any quilts could be given to her at this meeting.

Retreats - Kathe Letulle - If you are interested in going to the retreats, please sign up now to be put

on the waiting list. Kathe states that you can still get nametags from her.

Audit Committee - Kathe Letulle, Donna. Carmen and Josie. Books are in great shape.

Schoolhouse - Dale Shafer - she is working on it.
Webmaster - Bonnie Hall - FYI, the children's quilts do not need a sleeve. Bonnie has taken over Zoom.

Nominating Committee - Positions to fill are president, secretary, and programs.

Carrah Maney is still making dog beds. She has turned in 98 dog beds since the first of the year.

Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah Maney

Door Prize - Marti Morrison

Show and Tell

Motion to adjourn by Kathe Letulle, second by Carmen Avila

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Lila Helm

Addendum to the minutes

Having received 10 "AYE" email responses to the motion presented to the 18-member RGVQG Board electronically on May 12, 2025, the following motion is APPROVED:

The motion is for the RGVQG Board to authorize a \$600.00 Board Officer Scholarship grant per Paragraph 4b of the Standing Rules to Diana Wolf, President, to attend the Kansas City Quilt Show on June 14, 2025.

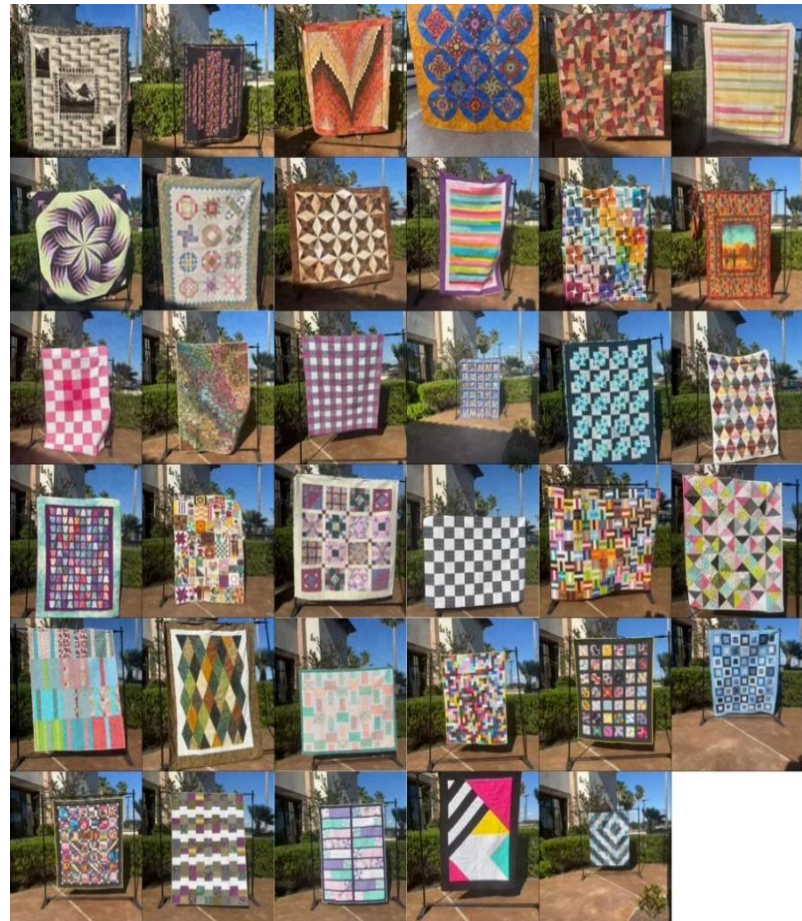
Presented by Mike Hall & Seconded by Kathe Letulle
AYE votes : Bonnie Hall, Lynne Johnson, Marty Morrison, Renee Darkis, Susan Coleman, Chris Cowan, Josefina McVey, Kathe Letulle. Lila Helm, Carrah Maney

Day 1 Bags

Our guild committed to donate 20 quilts for 2025. If you would like to participate for next year, 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!!! All I have to say is WOW! You guys sure did show up with the Foster Care Quilts this year! There are so many beautiful quilts. I'm so appreciative of all your work and effort in these awesome quilts! Thank you all so very much.
Alyssa Gonzalez

And we exceeded 20! Look at the 35 fantastic quilts shown in the picture!!



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

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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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Contact Bev Widdows, pachi58@yahoo.com



TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM
History in the Making

New exhibits Feature Texas Traditions, Marvelous Medallions, and the Spirit of Reenergizing Renewal!

LA GRANGE, TEXAS—April 28, 2025—Saddle up and get ready to head to the Texas Quilt Museum for the debut of three brand new exhibits this spring and summer!

Visitors will enjoy *Blue Ribbon Prizewinners from the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo*, *Framed Center/Medallion Quilts*, and *Rebound-Renew-Reimagine*. They will run from May 1-August 23.

Blue Ribbon Prizewinners from the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will feature 14 quilts from the Adult Division and six quilts from the Youth Division.

All hung on display for hundreds of thousands of visitors to see and enjoy at this year's HLSR, one of the city's marquee events. The exhibit is sponsored by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

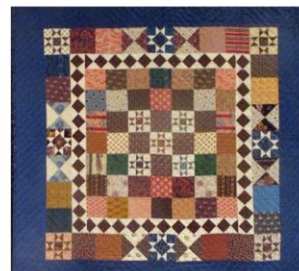


Rhinstone Cowboy (50" x 59") by Kelly Gibson with Jo Caraway

"These works confirm that the art of quilting is still very much alive in Texas, celebrating both the rich history of the art form and the applications of many traditional techniques and styles into contemporary quilts," says Vicki Mangum, Museum Curator. "You'll be impressed by the workmanship and beauty of these winners!"

Be sure to see the Adult Best of Show winner, *Hankie Panky* by Anita Todd of the Colorado Valley Quilt Guild, and the Youth Best of Show winner, *Midnight Blooms* by Ellie Stuckey. There will also be a display of Rodeo-related art from students at La Grange High School.

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The Copp Family's Framed Center Pieced Quilt (42" x 42") by Blair W. Mahan

Framed Center/Medallion Quilts showcases 45 works from the American Quilt Study Group. In the 2021 Biennial Quilt Study, AQSG members were challenged to study a Medallion quilt and create their own original work inspired by it. The "inspiration" quilts range from the 18th-20th centuries. Some of the new quilts might be mistaken for the originals, while others are a fresh take on a classic look.

"Framed or Medallion quilts have been a favorite of quilters for over 200 years. It's lovely to see contemporary interpretations of these classic Medallion quilts, especially in a manageable size." Mangum adds. This exhibit is sponsored by the Lucille Gaebler Klein Fund.

Finally, *Rebound-Renew-Reimagine* displays 19 quilts from the Manhattan Quilters Guild. For many members, the enforced isolation of the Covid-19 pandemic had brought deep reflection and new experimentation with previous techniques and materials. The decision was made to create quilts with titles that begin with a "re," which often carries such meanings as "again and again" and suggests a look backward while moving forward.

"Open yourself to the art that these quilts possess. Some artists included are Ludmilla Aristova, Rachael Dorr, Paula Nadelstern, and Victoria Findlay Wolfe," Mangum says. "This show demonstrates the power of hard times in the hands of dedicated artists. They translated their experiences of loss and grief and separation into artwork that makes us feel revived."



Recrystallize (40" x 49") by Iris Gowen/Photo by Adi Taiwar

Visit [The Texas Quilt Museum Store Online](http://www.texasquiltmuseum.org/store) to purchase fabric, patterns, books, T-shirts, one-of-a-kind jewelry and craft items, and more at www.texasquiltmuseum.org/store

The Texas Quilt Museum is located at 140 W. Colorado St., La Grange, Texas 78945. Hours are 10 am-4 pm Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. For more information, visit www.TexasQuiltMuseum.org. Also see us on Facebook, Instagram, X, and Threads!

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