



RGVQG News

April 2026

President's Threads That Bind

WOW! Ask and you shall receive! The Guild now has a chair and co-chair for the Nominating Committee. Many thanks to Glenna Lou Nelson and Coral Cox for stepping up to handle this committee. Thank you for contacting me. For any board committee position, please contact me at president@rgvqq.com. As is said - "We are looking for a few good Men or Women" - a vacant Program Chair - this is an elected board position for 3rd Vice President - Programs. It is with a sad heart to say if no one in the Guild accepts this position, the Guild has no choice but to dispense with Monthly Programs and Program Classes. Josie McVey has done an outstanding job but unfortunately has chosen to vacate the position but will stay on board to assist the new committee member. The remaining timeline for this position is until December 31, 2027. The positive in this situation is Josie has been given all kinds of contact information of Presenters from other Guild Members and has attended the Houston Quilt Festival for research of Presenters. These are good leads for Program Presenters and Classes, and the sooner contacts are made, the sooner the Guild Program Schedule will

be solidified. That position always will welcome suggestions for Program Presenters and Classes. Effective December 31, 2026, Dale Shafer will vacate the volunteer position of Schoolhouse Chairperson. She has done an amazing job for many years, and all good things must come to an end. A new member must take the reins and run the committee. There is a large contingency of talent in this Guild and so many new members are teaching these classes. Be the one to expand on the talent in this Guild. (continued on pg 2)

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Threads that bind (continued)

Want to slowly begin your journey to volunteer in the Guild - begin by volunteering for the Beekeeper - Lower Valley. Requirements are to visit all the GUILD BEES from Weslaco to South Padre Island during Winter Season and encourage Newsletter Articles of their Bee Activities. Do it your way to become more active in the Guild.

If you were unable to attend Jan Batheke's class on the One Block Wonder - you truly missed out. She is so talented and her teaching procedure left no one in the lurch. Full disclosure every step of the way. Also, her program at the Guild meeting entertaining us with 26+ years of quilting experience - all those beautiful quilts and projects plus all the history of pattern makers and teachers. Many Thanks!

Now that Tax Season is over, many of our members can get back to sewing, creating, and down right having a good time. That should be the mantra for the entire year for all quilters. Back to Sewing!!!

Blessings to all,
Kathe Letulle - President@rgvqg.com



Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon/Kathe Letulle

If you know of someone who needs cheering up, is ill, or personal and/or family issues, please advise us by email to sunshine@rgvqg.com so a card can be sent.

Military Service Quilts

Rosemary Kramer and Nancy Malmin

8 quilt tops bundled and given out to be quilted. 6 given out to be bound and labels attached. Waiting for 6 tops to be completed from sew day. Can't wait to see them. Some were quite a challenge.

No date yet from Edna Butler on when the summer sew day will be. Watch for news from her.

PUBLICITY Joy Paugh, Guild Publicity Chairman

Friday April 11, Idani Cantu, a reporter with KRGV 5, a Weslaco TV station, and the weekday program -TAKE 5, came to the One Block Wonder class to interview Kathe Letulle, the guild President, and observe a quilting class. Idani and her photographer, Israel, stayed for 2 hours learning about the Guild, our programming and contributions to the valley community. Idani will inform us when our show will air so that our members can watch it. What great publicity. Idani will be working with Laural Powell in January to get a piece on our 45th Annual quilt show on the island.

The updated Guild brochure (rack card) was placed at the Mission Museum and the Harlingen Texas Travel center. 100 cards have been requested by the Amarillo Texas Travel center. Donna Otto will deliver those in May.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

Basic Schoolhouse Class info: with a few exceptions, we have classes on the third Thursday of each month. They are held at Pharr South, 1402 S. Cage. In Pharr (just past the big HEB at Ridge and Cage). We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 or 3:00 p.m., and you can bring your lunch or go out to one of the fast-food places nearby. Class cost is just \$20, but sometimes a pattern is required, to avoid copyright infringement. We hope you find a fun class or two in our lineup!

RGVQG Schoolhouse Classes - 2026

May 21 - Paper-piecing - Sandy Bagot

June 18 - Patchwork Basket - Dale Shafer

July 16 - Christmas in July - Dale Shafer

August 20 - Sewing Room Helpers - Dale Shafer

September 19 (Saturday) - Bonnie Hall
Half-square Triangles - 11 Ways!

October 15 -

November 19 - Fidget Quilts - Joy Paugh

December 17 - Featherweight Maintenance
Diana Wolf

This is our tentative schedule for the rest of the year. As you can see, I'm doing several of the classes, but I will be happy to give those up, if someone comes forward with ideas/suggestions for something different.

October remains open, and I could really use your help with this one.

Please note that the September class will be held on a Saturday, especially for those quilters who may have week-day jobs. This will be a very informative class for everyone, but especially for our newer quilters!

Membership Information

by Lynne Johnson, Membership Chair

At the April Guild meeting, 65 members attended, along with one renewal and one guest. We also had 5 on Zoom. We have a total of 238 registered members at this time.

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.



Members Only page -

The Members Only page is protected by password.

Aloysius alligator is the keeper of the password for the page and the directories. The Members Only page contains the following information:

- Directory
 - Current
 - Past
- Class Registrations Information
- Board Meeting Minutes
- Library Books
- Patterns
- Retreats
- RGVQG Bee Information
- Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
 - BYLAWS
 - Standing Rules
 - Treasurers Reports

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.

Informational SMS (text) Messages

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We can send text messages to all our current members. If you are no longer a member of the guild, 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 or gentle reminders. You can reply STOP to opt out of any text messages from RGVQG.

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

RGVQG Emails Update

We use the Benchmark bulk email service to send 2-4 emails every month to all our active members. **Benchmark** started to use a 'smart sending' feature recently. This feature will occasionally skip sending an email to a recipient that doesn't regularly open their email. They'll skip once then send the next email. People may not receive the Guild Meeting notices with the zoom link. Please, at least, open any emails you receive from the guild. All of our guild related emails start with RGVQG.

Guild Emails -

The guild webmaster usually sends out two emails a month

- RGVQG Newsletter (after the meeting)
- RGVQG Meeting Notice (Thursday before the



meeting)

Both emails are sent from

bonniemhall@rgvqg.com.

Please put this email in your contact list. This will help to direct the emails to your inbox instead of sending them to spam or junk.

Friends of the Guild

Now visitors and friends can sign up for more information about the Rio Grande Valley Guild. A link is available on the home page of our website just below the Welcome message.

Limited emails will be sent to these individuals. An initial email will have information on our website, Facebook pages, and how to become a member. An email will be sent just prior to the Quilt Show as a reminder. Possibly an additional one as needed.

Do you know someone or want to share this link with them?

[Become a friend of the Guild](#)

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

Retreat - Retreat - Retreat! Everyone enjoyed sewing, visiting, and learning. We were so thrilled to have Joy with Stitched in Shertz present an awesome Stripology Ruler Demonstration and products to sell at 15% off retail. We are so fortunate to have such a nice quilt shop in the area.

Dates for 2027 Retreats:

Friendship Star - March 8-12, 2027

Bluebonnet Friends - March 14-18, 2027

Kathe Letulle - retreat@rgvqg.co

LOST AND FOUND!

Are you Missing ITEMS from the quilt show and an ITEM from the Guild meeting?

DESCRIBE and WILL BE RETURNED TO RIGHTFUL OWNER!

1. Together in one Bag - Large 2026 Quilt Show T-Shirt and XL Denim Jacket
2. 25 oz Tumbler by CAMELBAK

Thank you,
Kathe Letulle - President@rgvqg.com

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. [Click for On-line form](#)

One thought to keep in mind, you can donate anywhere and report to us, as long as the receiving location is not also claiming it.

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!

March 2026

101 items, 1255 hours, \$9098.75 value

April 2026:

121 items, 3,022 hours, \$21,909.50 value

Treasurer Report

Mike Hall, Treasurer

You can view all treasury documents by:

Accessing rgvqq.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 rgvqq.treasurer@gmail.com or
treasurer@rgvqq.com

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice. But I have some community service ideas percolating!

RGV Quilt Show

by Laural Powell and Joy Paugh

45th Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show - Rhythm in Blues - A Sapphire Celebration
Plans are unfolding for the February 2027 45th Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show on South Padre Island.

Saturday the Opportunity Quilt and the wall hanging were revealed. In May, the tote bag will be revealed. Kathy Stevens is in the process of preparing the opportunity ticket packets for the members to sell to their friends, family, and neighbors.

Laural Powell has been working on the publicity since last year.



Laural created a 2027 Publicity Action Plan which is in place and will run through the show in February.

The Show Board is doing its best to make this show one of the best shows ever, taking from past shows and adding our ideas.

The Totes and More headed up by Marilyn Hensz will look some different. Marilyn has asked that individuals or even Bees donate a bag. The donors, whether they are a Bee, friends, or a single member, can choose to donate the bag only or fill the bag as well. The tote bag criteria: Approximately 17" Wide x 15" Tall x 6" deep. This is an average size. It can be larger or smaller; but keep it close to those dimensions. The tote also needs to be able to stand up on its own, therefore, depending on the fabric used, soft and stable (or a stiff fusible/interfacing) may need to be incorporated into the sides of the tote. As always, we want the totes to be very

attractive so that guests will want to purchase raffle tickets to win their favorite bag.

2027 T-Shirts and drink Tumblers carry the logo that Laural designed for this show. At the April Guild meeting, Laural announced there will be an option on the Guild Website under the Quilt Show page to purchase these two items. Orders processed will be available at the following Guild meeting.

Heather Nelson is working diligently on the vendor line up. She has contacted past vendors and has 6 vendors that have made a deposit and 4 were close to making deposits.

Along that line, Laural provided a basic plan for sponsors. Jani Shoemaker and I met with her and finalized the naming and composition of each sponsor. Here are the names and amounts of the Sponsorships and Patrons of the Quilt Show.

Sapphire Sponsor (Show)

\$1,000.00

Cobalt Sponsor (Best of Show)

\$500.00

Indigo CFO Sponsor (Chief Fun Officer)

\$350.00

Blue Ribbons (16 Quilt Categories)

\$100.00 each

Patrons of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show
Over \$100.00, \$100.00, \$75.00, and \$50.00.

Individuals may donate funds for the show.

If you would like to call on potential sponsors, please contact me.

Thank you for your participation with us in bringing this show to the island next February! The Board will continue to update you with the progress that is being made.

Joy Paugh, 2027 Quilt Show Chairman



To commemorate the 45th Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show as our Sapphire Celebration, we have 32oz Tumblers available for \$25.00. You can even have your name put on the back for an extra \$5.00.

We also have short sleeve V-neck and Crew necks, along with long sleeve Crew necks in white and blue. Small through Extra Large are \$25.00 and 2X & 3X are \$30.00. You can order your Tumblers or T-shirts at any



of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild meetings.

These will also be available to order on rgvqg.com. As soon as it is activated we will post the link on the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show Facebook page.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Publicity Distribution Team for the 2027 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

Help us spread the word across the Valley!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with distributing posters and promotional materials throughout the Rio Grande Valley, and surrounding counties during **January and February of 2027**. We would like to have at least one person for the Upper Valley and one person for the Lower Valley. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the Guild and help make this year's Quilt Show a great success.

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Deliver flyers and bookmarks to fabric shops, museums, libraries, community centers, and local businesses
- Keep a simple list of locations visited
- Represent the Quilt Show in a friendly and positive manner

What We're Looking For:

- Reliable transportation
- A friendly personality
- Love for quilting and community involvement
- Ability to travel within the Rio Grande Valley

Flexible scheduling — you can choose routes and times that work best for you.

Be part of the team that brings the Valley together through quilting!

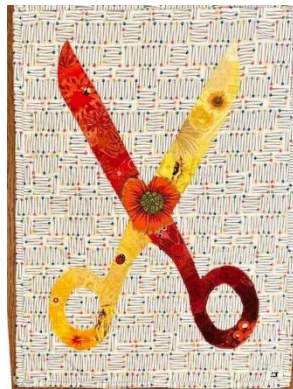
For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Laural Powell
qspublicity@rgvqq.com

◆ ◆ ◆ Featured Guest Artist ◆ ◆ ◆

We're thrilled to welcome Carly Mul, as the guest speaker and teacher at the 2027 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show!

Carly Mul is a nationally recognized quilt artist known for her vibrant colors and inspiring creativity. Carly taught the Scissor Collage class for the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild a few years ago. She will be teaching two new classes at the 2027 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show, in February.



Whether you are an experienced quilter or just beginning your quilting journey, you won't want to miss the opportunity to learn from this talented artist.

Stay tuned for workshop and lecture information!

Bee News

Fiber Arts Bee

We're a warm and lively community that gathers on the first and third Monday of each month from 10 AM to noon at The Upper Valley Quilt Guild in Mission. Come join us and let your creativity shine in a fun and friendly atmosphere! We can't wait to see what amazing things you'll make! Don't miss out on the fun! !

The Mission Bee gathers every 2nd and 4th Monday at the Upper Valley Art in Mission, where they passionately craft military quilts, stunning pieces for the Quilt Show, and heartwarming baby quilts destined for the Children's Hospital.

Queen City Bee

We are always very appreciative of your scrap donations that help us continue to help our community. We will continue working with the B-zzy Bee at the Weslaco Library. Plans are on the way to have our second 8 week class at the Weslaco Library for new participants during the months of June and July.

The QCB's also use your donations for making charity quilts. In 2025 a total of 98 quilts in various sizes and 37 grocery bags were donated. Starting this year, for the month of January 2026, we have already donated a total of 53 quilts in various sizes plus 11 quilted placemats. This certainly could not be possible without your scrap donations. Thank you for continuing to help us help others.

Programs

By Josie McVey

Thank you for your support of the Program Classes and it is my prayer that you continue your support for 2026. Please go on line and check out the class instructors and sign up for the classes. Do your own research on the instructors and you will be amazed at their expertise. Support our own Guild presenters!

**Saturday, May 9th, 2026 -
Donna Otto - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
Historical Presentation**

Saturday, June 13th, 2026
Jennifer Bernal & The B-zzy Bee
Lecture Presentation

Saturday, July 11th, 2026 - OPEN

Saturday, August 8th, 2026
Jan Bathke & The Killer Bees
Lecture Presentation



**September 11 - 12,
2026**

Glenda Wilder

Glenda has been making things all her life, often creating new designs and patterns as she goes. When she sees a finished quilt that will

wrap, comfort,

memorialize,

decorate, or

commemorate a time

or place connects her

to a shared collective

of creators, past and

present. Glenda's

designs are intended

for quilters of all experience levels that want to share this connection, brimming with history and the promise of creative new visions.

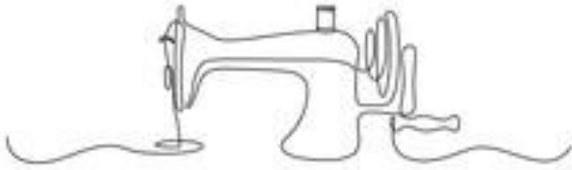
Friday, September 11, 2026

Boomerang Class

A striking design was the first in Glenda's "Nothin' But Squares" collection and has been updated with a terrific polka dot fabric. It's the same great pattern and it's suitable for beginners and experienced quilters alike! Works with precuts or yardage in a variety of sizes. Perfect for advanced chain piecing.

Saturday, September 12, 2026 - Lecture Presentation by Glenda Wilder on "Quilting - Traditional, Modern and Everything in-between."

**Friday, October 9th, 2026
Class by Kathy Tucker -**



Description of the Class coming soon.

**Saturday, October 10th, 2026
Lecture by Kathy Tucker -
Description to be Announced.**

**Friday, November 13th, 2026
Patty Roebuck
Class on a Jacket Quilt**

**Saturday, November 14th, 2026
Lecture by Patty Roebuck -
Topic to be Announced**

**Saturday, December 12th, 2026 -
Lecture by Jean Impey -**
Dynamic presentations packed with insights, humor, and creativity. Topic "Finding Your Passion and Running with It"

Pending Contracts:

**Sue Heinz - Class and Lecture
To Be Announced**

**Rob Appell - Class and Lecture
To Be Announced**

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RGVQG APRIL 11, 2026 MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by president Kathe Letulle.

Program introduced by Josie McVey. Jan Baethke presented her 28 year journey of quilting.

Due to a meeting recently added to the church's calendar, Kris Driscoll made a motion to change the August meeting from the 8th to the 15th to work around the conflict. Ann Alexander seconded. The motion carried.

PROGRAMS: the year is full and listed on the website.

SECRETARY: We have a quorum. Secretary's minutes will be filed as published.

TREASURER: the treasurer's report is online on the member page. Five thousand dollars was transferred from the quilt show account to the guild account. March 15, the guild credit card was hacked. The bank is reimbursing the guild for fraudulent charges to our account. The guild books for 2026 are filed and ready for audit. A suggestion was made to store the guild credit card in an RFD protector. It was also suggested that we all look into personal RFD protection for our cards. Ann Alexander informed everyone that individual RFD card protectors are available from Amazon.

MEMBERSHIP: today 66 members were in attendance with 1 renewal and 1 guest. We have 238 total members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: March: 101 items were submitted for 1255 hours and \$9098.75 in value. April: 121 items were submitted for 3,022 hours and \$21,909.50 in value. Types of items that are needed and welcomed are listed on the donation record form on the website under community service.

Maria Gomez and Josie McVey's charity group from Magic Valley Resort donated 98 quilts to the City of Weslaco Department of Health and Human Services from December of 2025 to March of 2026.

NEWSLETTER: get articles in early next week.

MILITARY SERVICE: gave out 8 quilts and 6 were returned bound with 4 outstanding. A request was made to make some of the wheelchair quilts lap size for larger recipients. Mike Hall made a suggestion to establish an intermediate standard size. No black or gold fabric should be used in the quilts.

RUMMAGE SALE: did very well

SCHOOLHOUSE: April class next week is a journal cover. Dale Shafer will be bringing military service quilts to the meetings this summer.

Kathe Letulle emphasized the need for members to step up and volunteer for the vacant positions.

In May a vintage featherweight will be auctioned off as well as a quilt frame.

FAT QUARTER DRAW: collected \$71 today with no expenses

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Heather Nelson
Secretary

Day 1 Bags

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.

Bonnie has committed us for 15 quilts.

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!"



Good afternoon,

My name is Kristen Perez and I am the Digital and Social Media Marketing Specialist with the Texas Department of Agriculture. I am reaching out to today as I have a wonderful opportunity that I would love to share with you!

Every other year, the Texas Department of Agriculture, or TDA, holds a Quilting Competition. The original competition was held in 1997 and was developed as a unique way to showcase Texas natural fibers in an interesting and meaningful way. While capturing people's interest through the art of quilting, the winning blocks exhibit the quality and versatility of Texas cotton, wool, mohair, leather, and suede. The quilt block competition has proven to be an important addition to the various activities TDA coordinates to promote Texas agriculture.

For 2026, our theme is **Texas Celebrates the Year of the Horse:**

According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2026 is the Year of the Horse. Texas and horses go hand in hand with the Lone Star State having more horses than any other state in the country. This theme is to showcase the historic and

modern roles of horses in Texas agriculture from ranching and cattle drives to rodeos and more.

Information:

The Texas Equine Industry is a \$12.3 billion industry with more than 700,000 horses in the state

- The horse industry is a vital part of Texas's identity. Horses have played an integral role in Texas's rich cultural heritage. Rooted in the traditions of the American West, the bond between Texans and their horses symbolizes resilience, independence, and community.
- Horses are integral to the ranching industry, providing essential services like herding cattle and moving livestock. Horses are also used in equine therapy, offering therapeutic benefits to individuals with physical and mental challenges. In rodeos, horses showcase cowboy skills, preserving the state's cowboy heritage. Additionally, horses are used in mounted patrols, border patrol, and search and rescue operations, providing mobility and height advantages in various roles.
- The horse industry contributes significantly to the Texas economy, with a direct impact of over \$6.5 billion and an estimated total contribution of \$12.3 billion to the state's economy.

Anyone is allowed to request a packet and enter the competition. There are a set number of packets made each year and it is first come first serve. Please visit the webpage [HERE](#) for the application to request quilt packet(s).

Also included in this email is a one pager (both a digital and printable version) that you can use in newsletters, mail outs, on bulletin boards, etc.. If you have any questions or need more information, please email Kristen.Perez@TexasAgriculture.gov or call (512)463-7701.

Thank you!

Kristen E. Perez | Digital & Social Media Marketing Specialist

*** FOR SALE ***

Horn of America sewing center, with expansion section for easier machine quilting, plus many other features - \$500.

Koala storage center, with four drawers and fold-down section for extra work surface - \$250.

Call Dale Shafer, 956-330-5261

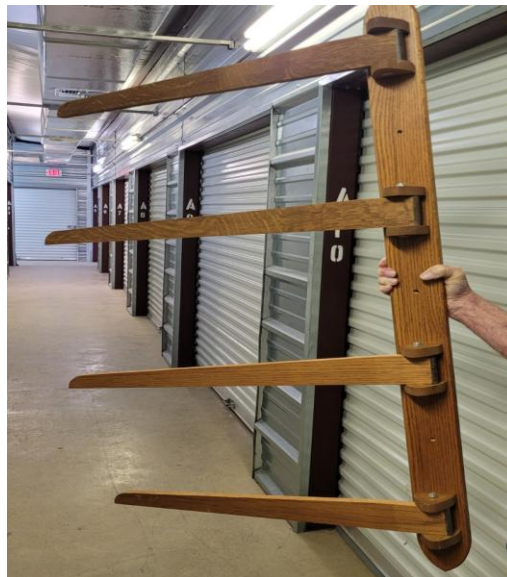


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Kathè Letulle - Owner

Call for an appointment

Quilters
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AUCTION !!

The Guild will be offering two items for auction during the General Meeting on June 13th, a vintage 1923 Model 66 Singer Treadle Sewing Machine and a wall-mounted 4-tier quilt display rack.