



RGVQG News

June 2026

President's Threads That Bind

Welcome to another update from the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild's monthly meetings! The projector has been repaired; however, one of our members recently took a tumble from the front steps of the stage. As a result, the front steps to the stage, which do not have a railing, are now off limits to all attendees. When entering the stage, you must use the steps with railings because there will be orange traffic cones on the non-railing steps.

The Bizzy-Bee Group from Weslaco presented a very special program. What a delight to see the growth of this bee. From no knowledge of sewing or use of sewing machines to being able to complete projects and learning many new techniques in sewing skills, this group has learned so much in less than a year. This group is like a sponge - so if you have any inclination to assist in their sewing growth, feel free to contact the Bee - look them up under the BEE heading on the Guild Website (rgvqg.com).

GUILD VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN: For any board committee position, please contact me at president@rgvqg.com. The open or soon to be open board committee positions are Secretary, Lower Valley Beekeeper, Schoolhouse, and Historian. IF you have an interest, check out the Guild By-Laws and Standing Rules for further information of the

job responsibilities plus contact the member handling the position currently. Your mentor is there, so you can be productive in this volunteer position. Truly think about taking on an active volunteer position of the Guild. It is a rewarding experience and become a member of the Guild's future.

Because the June Guild Meeting was interrupted, the antique sewing machine, with a \$300 minimum price, and the wall quilt rack, with a \$50 minimum price, are available for "Buy [\(continued on pg. 2\)](#)

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Threads that bind (continued)

It Now" purchase. If more than one person is interested in either item, an auction will be held. Proceeds will be used for charitable purposes.

See everyone at the July Guild Meeting.

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



NOTICE:

August 8, 2026 Guild Meeting Date
Changed to August 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM.

Military Service Quilts

Rosemary Kramer and Nancy Malmin

3 quilts were given out this month. 1 top and 2 finished quilts were turned in. Keep sewing during the summer when it's too hot outside. Will see you all in the fall. During the summer quilts may be turned into Dale Shafer or Diane Wolf at the guild meetings.

No date yet from Edna Butler on when the summer sew day will be. She is having health issues so it may be a while. Watch for news from her when she is feeling better.

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.

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 2026 lineup!

July 16 - Christmas in July

(Fabric stars, Christmas trees)

August 20 - Sewing Room Helpers

September 19 - SATURDAY - Bonnie Hall

Half-square Triangles - 11 Ways!

October 15 - Miniature Quilt - Vicki Guerra

November 19 - Fidget Quilts - Joy Paugh

December 17 - Featherweight Maintenance
Diana Wolf

Hoping you all take note of the Saturday class in September - especially for those who have week-day jobs. Excellent class for all! Please call me with any questions.
Dale Shafer 956-330-5261

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. 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

May we had a total of 239 current members. No current updates.

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
- Retreat

- 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@rgvqg.co

Dates for 2027 Retreats:

Friendship Star - March 8-12, 2027

Bluebonnet Friends - March 14-18, 2027

Be sure to sign up on the Wait List - as Life Happens and vacancies happen.

There is a grand time at the John Newcomb Tennis Ranch at New Braunfels, Texas. An experience of a lifetime with members who are willing to assist with any project issue.

Kathe Letulle - retreat@rgvqg.com
956-272-2377

LOST AND FOUND!

The list is growing!!! Are you Missing ITEMS from the quilt show and/or monthly meeting? If these items are not claimed by February, they will be added to the Quilt Show Boutique for sale.

DESCRIBE and will be RETURNED TO RIGHTFUL OWNER!

1. Umbrella
2. Together in one Bag - Large 2026 Quilt Show T-Shirt and XL Denim Jacket
3. 25 oz Tumbler by CAMELBAK

Call Kathe Letulle to claim!

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!

June 2026

21 items, 98 hours, \$710.50 value

Treasurer Report

During the Guild's General meeting held on June 13th, the membership approved the treasurer's recommendation to surrender and re-invest the guild's 7Mo Featured CD which was to mature on June 14, 2026. Per this approval a new 7Mo Featured CD was purchased on June 16th for the combined value of the maturing CD's principal of \$31,832.98, the interest earned by the maturing CD of \$643.56, and the redeemed Credit Card Cash Rewards of \$753.53. The new CD with a principal value of \$33,230.07 will mature on Jan 16, 2027 and will earn approximately \$668.75.

The Guild's Revenues and Expenses are currently in-line with the projected 2026 budget. Actual revenue and expense data may be reviewed on the Members Only page of the Guild's Website.

At the request of the Guild President, I have separated the Treasurer processes for the Guild and the Quilt Show. A separate Paypal account and a separate Credit Card account have been established and linked to the Quilt Show banking account. In addition, I am currently evaluating Quicken's bookkeeping software to determine its potential adoption for both Guild and Show use.

You can view all treasury 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

For any questions or comments, I can

be contacted at Cell # 740-398-4142

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

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

In our previous program a block would be selected each month, size and colors specified. For each block submitted at the next meeting the maker received a chance to win them all. If the blocks were returned as a complete project quilted and bound by the next meeting, a \$20 gift certificate towards any upcoming guild class was awarded.

I would like to revive it but have the blocks be made to be used in community service or military service quilts. I always enjoyed trying a new block and color combinations I might not have tried otherwise.

My question is, does it still need to be incentivized or is getting a chance to use our scrap stash reward enough?

Two ideas suggested: **one**, to continue with a selected block, size and colors and **two**, being given a specified size and a required fabric to be used in the block of maker's choice.

Let me know your thoughts and ideas with the hope we can begin in September as our winter friends return.

A separate path to make donation quilts suggested was a group of quilters participating in a round robin type quilt where they set the guidelines.

RGV Quilt Show

by Laural Powell and Joy Paugh

45th Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show - Rhythm in Blues - A Sapphire Celebration



The planning of the 2027 quilt show is going well. Each committee is committed to making this one of our best shows ever. Check out the Quilt Show page on the RGVQQ website. There is a new section for Sponsor / Patron. Members and non-members can promote the quilt show by contributing as a Show Patron. As a Show Patron, you may contribute over \$100.00, \$100.00, \$75.00, or \$50.00. Patrons may have their names listed in the show program and on our social media platforms.

The quilt show flyers and bookmarks are ready for distribution. Laural Powell will have them at monthly meetings. Be sure to pick up a few to share with your friends.

Joy Paugh, 2027 Quilt Show Chairman

Opportunity Quilt Update - June 13, 2026

This year's Opportunity Quilt prizes are: 1st Place: 71" x 71' Blue Pickle Dish Quilt;



Hanging; 3rd Place: Big Katahdin Tote with 4 inside pockets and a zippered top made using the same fabrics as the Blue Pickle Dish quilt. Made by Joy Paugh.



2nd Place: 24" x 35.5" Guitar Wall



Ticket envelopes contain 24 "Business Card size" blue entry tickets with a line for Name and a line for Phone Number be sure to write legibly, 2 each prize information business cards that can be used as a receipt if needed and 1 double sided prizes picture card.

Each guild member is politely asked to sell or purchase at least one envelope of tickets. Ticket prices are: \$1 each; 6 for \$5 or 24 tickets for \$20. We accept cash, checks, and app payments using either Cash App or Zelle. Some guild members prefer to just donate \$20 and not sell or purchase any tickets and some choose to pay \$24/envelope because that's the value if each ticket was to be sold separately.

We currently have 254 paid members for 2026. At \$20/envelope of 24 tickets, if each member sold or purchased one envelope, we would gross 254 X \$20 = \$5,080.

Our Ticket envelope activity as of our June Guild meeting is as follows:

April - 17 envelopes picked up

May - 16 envelopes picked up - 4 sold envelopes turned in

June - 9 envelopes picked up - 5 sold envelopes turned in

May receipts: \$120 (4 sold envelopes; 1 prepaid envelope and 1 Zelle payment)

June receipts: \$104 (3 sold envelopes @ \$20 and 1 sold envelope @ \$24)

*****Please note monies are to be turned in when the tickets are turned in. Prepaid tickets can cause confusion and bookkeeping mistakes.*****

Quilt Showing Schedule: By August Guild meeting I hope we will begin to assemble a calendar of dates and locations where the quilt will be displayed and tickets will be sold. I know Sam's in Harlingen is already in the works. If you know of a place where you think the quilt could be displayed safely and tickets sold, please contact (me) Kathy Stevens: 972-467-4269 or Joy Paugh 913-226-6781. I do not answer unknown numbers, so either text me or if you call, leave a message and I'll return your call asap.

The **Totes and More** headed up by Marilyn Hensz will look somewhat 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 some stabilizer may be needed for the sides., As always, we want the totes to be very attractive so that guests will want to purchase raffle tickets to win their favorite bag.

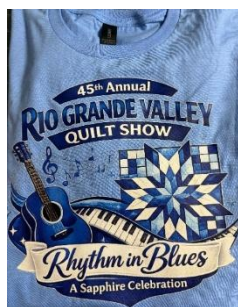
2027 T-Shirts and drink Tumblers carry the



logo that Laural designed for this show. The 32oz Tumblers are \$25.00. Your name put on the back for an extra \$5.00.

The Tshirts will be short sleeve V-neck and Crew necks,

long sleeve Crew necks in white and blue. Small



through Extra Large are \$25.00 and 2X & 3X are \$30.00.

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.

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!

General Meeting Vendor Tables

During the May General Meeting, guild members gave their approval to continue allowing a Vendor table at the monthly Guild Meeting. Prospective vendors can sign-up for a table for the June 2026 - February 2027 meetings on a first come - first serve basis via an email request to: treasurer@rgvqg.com. Please reply to this message or use "Vendor Table Registration" in the Subject Line. The vendors will be contacted in the order of email receipt and offered their choice of the available dates.

Any questions may be directed via email to: treasurer@rgvqg.com or to Mike Hall @ 740-398-4142

Donna Otto's Presentation "Rerun"

Due to a technical problem with the projection system at Saturday's meeting (per the church,

repair parts have been ordered), we were unable to view Donna's slideshow presentation of the "History of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild". The slideshow has been placed on the **Guild History** page of the guild's website. To access the presentation, click on "Guild History" on the Website home page, then click on "History of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild" by Donna Otto, May 9, 2026. After it loads, click on "Slide Show", click on "Presenter View" and enjoy.

The Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum has invited the RGV Guild to exhibit quilts every year from January - March. Please contact Jani Shoemaker, janishoe@yahoo.com, 720-635-3890 to schedule your opportunity to show your beautiful work and promote your bee plus the guild. Quilts that have been shown at other shows/exhibits can be used or encourage your bee to find a theme and get started today. An open house will also be scheduled at the Museum for a meet and greet the quilter.

Current schedule includes 2027 - Queen City Bees and B-zzy Bees, "We've come a long way baby"

Thank you
Jani Shoemaker

Bee News

Fiber Arts Bee

We're a warm and lively community that gathers on the 2nd and 4th 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 1st and 3rd 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.

"Are you interested in the modern quilt movement? Would you like to spend an afternoon with other quilters who are flexing their "Modern Muscles"? Debbie Williams, Ann Alexander and Nancy Tatro have formed a new group for that purpose.

We are meeting six times a year-January, March, May, July, September and November on the fourth Saturday of each month. Our next meeting will be on July 25, and will run from 1pm to 3pm in Room 1 at Fun N Sun RV park. The address is 1400 Zillock Road, San Benito.

If you are coming to the meeting, please text Nancy at 603-867-6899 by the Thursday before. She will have a parking pass and name badge

ready for you.

We're a gated community, so drive to the gate code box and enter code 8506. Nancy will "buzz" you in.

Drive through the gate, go straight to the STOP sign and take a left (That-Away Lane), take the first right on Stanley Blvd and drive three short blocks until you come to a large metal building on your right (the Rec Center). Drive to the end of this building and park anywhere. Room 1 is located at the far end of this building. If you have questions, call Nancy at 603-867-6899.

At the July meeting, we've planned a short class on the ins and outs of choosing fabric for a quilt, so bring plenty of questions! Bring a friend and Show and Tell of anything that feels modern to you and wear your name tag if you have one. Hope to see you then!"

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, 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"

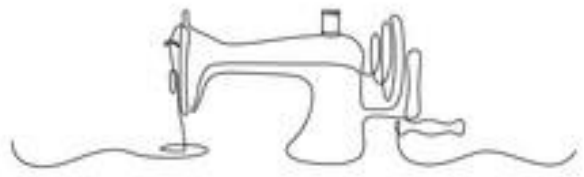
Pending Contracts:

Sue Heinz - Class and Lecture

To Be Announced

Rob Appell - Class and Lecture

To Be Announced



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2026

Meeting called to order at 9:32 am by Kathe Letulle. We have a quorum of members present.

This month's program is being presented by the B-zzy Bees.

The auction scheduled for this month is being postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

SECRETARY: minutes will be filed

TREASURER: large CD matures tomorrow. We are on budget so Mike Hall recommended that we purchase a new one at best rates. A motion was made by Carrah Maney to use the principal, interest and cash rewards from the credit card to purchase another seven month CD at best rates available. The motion was seconded by Sue Worley. Motion carried.

At the request of the President, the treasurer has made an account for the guild funds and a separate one for the quilt show. This will require the purchase of another copy of Quicken or Quick books. This will only be needed at such time that we have two treasurers.

NEWSLETTER: Monday June 15th is deadline.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT: Kathy Stevens reported receiving \$104 from ticket sales and passed out 17 more ticket packets. She explained about an opportunity to join a group doing a block of the month project. Contact Kathy Stevens for more information.

QUILT SHOW: Joy Paugh requested items for the boutique, silent auction, totes and more and door prizes. She reminded everyone to get their t-shirts and tumblers. The South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce of which we are a member is donating a basket to the show. The Chamber is also actively involved in marketing our show. Joy has also established a working relationship with the Art Incubator which helps local artists. They have been invited to have their artist participate in our quilt show challenge in their specific medium. Perhaps displaying the opportunity quilt at one

of the galleries. In discussion is having a reception for Carly Mull on Friday at the Art Incubator's reception space. Maybe having a few classes in January combining quilting and art. Joy made a request that each of the 16 bees make a bag for totes and more. If you have any ideas of people who might be interested in sponsoring the show contact Joy.

EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM: Ann Alexander gave an update on the beginning quilting classes at the Elsa library. The classes are on hold until fall because the library holds summer activities in the room. Ann asked for help from guild members to help teach the next class. She is trying to get a 2.0 class started for the individuals who have completed the beginning class.

MILITARY SERVICE QUILTS: Diana Wolf made a request for more military service quilts.

MEMBERSHIP For anyone signing up to be a member from June -Sept, membership is half price at \$15 for the rest of the year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: looking for members to fill the vacancies at membership, community service and treasurer. We need members to step up into the positions of program chair, historian in December, schoolhouse in January and lower valley beekeeper. The quilt show gives money to guild each year for programs.

PROGRAM The August program will be done by the Killer Bees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jani Shoemaker gave us a reminder about signing up for classes at the Houston

International Quilt Festival. Jani is going to coordinate the quilting exhibits for the Harlingen Museum. This coming January the show will be done by the Queen City Bees and the B-zzy Bees.

Nineteen dog beds were given to the shelter this month.

Kathe Letulle reminded the guild that the dates of the Houston International Quilt Show are Nov 11-13 and conflict with our meeting. We need to think about if we would like to change the meeting date for November.

Ann Alexander, Nancy Tatro and Deb Williams are starting a modern quilting bee called Sew What's New A Modern Quilt Group. They passed a sign-up sheet around for anyone interested and are having an informational meeting the last Saturday of July at Fun N Sun in San Benito.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 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.



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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

AUCTION !!

Postponed till July

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.



Quilt show Sponsorships

This year we are focusing on sponsorships for our show. The Sponsorships categories are listed below

Show Sponsor ~ Sapphire \$1,000

- ♪ Open the show at 9 a.m. on Friday with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- ♪ Full page color ad on inside front cover of the quilt show program
- ♪ Individual Sponsorship sign at entrance of the show
- ♪ Sponsorship promoted on the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild website, social media and press releases
- ♪ Logo on top tier of sponsorship banner to be displayed at Show and Guild events throughout 2026 and 2027
- ♪ 6 admission tickets to use either day of the show

Best of Show ~ Cobalt \$500

- ♪ Sponsor of Best of Show Quilt Award
- ♪ Presentation of the Best of Show Ribbon to the winner
- ♪ ½ page color ad on the inside back cover of the quilt show program
- ♪ Logo on signage at display of Best of Show Quilt
- ♪ Logo on second tier of sponsorship banner to be displayed at Show and Guild events throughout 2026 and 2027
- ♪ 4 admission tickets to use either day of the show

CFO ~ Cobalt \$300

- ♪ Sponsor of CFO (Chief Fun Officer) Quilt Award
- ♪ Presentation of the CFO Ribbon to the winner
- ♪ ¼ page color ad on the inside back cover of the quilt show program
- ♪ Logo on signage at display of CFO Quilt
- ♪ Logo on third tier of sponsorship banner to be displayed at Show and Guild events throughout 2026 and 2027
- ♪ 2 admission tickets to use either day of the show

Blue Ribbon ~ Quilt Category \$100.00

- ♪ Sponsor one of sixteen Quilt Categories (may sponsor more than one)
- ♪ Name listed in the show program as Category Sponsor
- ♪ Name listed beside the winner of the Category
- ♪ ♪ ♪ ~ Categories: Small Wall Hangings, Art Quilts, Large Wall Hangings, Medium Quilts, Small Quilts, Modern Quilts, Large Quilts, Hand Work, Machine Work, Novice, Youth, Upcycle/Recycle, Group Quilt, Theme Challenge, Home Décor, Wearables

Show Patrons

- ♪ Listed on the Quilt Show Page of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Website Link from the Face Book Quilt Show Page to the Website Quilt Show page
- ♪ Patrons
 - ♪ Over \$100.00
 - ♪ \$100.00
 - ♪ \$75.00
 - ♪ \$50.00