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PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: January Guild Meeting – January 12th. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS!

Oh MY GOODNESS! If you missed the December meeting – you sure missed out! Carly Mul is one woman with a wealth of knowledge about the quilting industry. She gave us information that will forever challenge our minds as to the whys and how the industry is what we have today plus possibilities as to the future of the industry. Everyone was fully attentive to her program and changes some of our thinking processes.

Many of our members were fortunate to go home with her samples as prizes.

IF THERE IS NO ONE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2021 QUILT SHOW CHAIR-PERSON-THERE WILL NOT BE A QUILT SHOW. This is an opportunity as you will have time to be with the next two years chairman to learn all the ropes. Your selected committee will have time to prepare as well. Easy Job because the duties are all defined and follow through will be a breeze. ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE? Please contact me at presi-

dent@rgvqg.com. Thank you in advance.

The quilt show is just about here – so be thinking of boutique items and baskets for the quilt walk. These are money makers for the guild that enable outstanding program speakers. Registration for your guilts is online or at the guild meeting.

All committee chairperson positions are filled for the coming year. I want to thank everyone for their volunteer work for the guild. Without these individuals, we would not have an outstanding guild.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the January 12th Meeting – reminder to mark your calendar.

We are all bound together by a common thread quilting!

See Ya There!

Kathe – President@rgvqg.com

RGVQG Web Tip of the Month

Check the back of your purple Membership card for access to Members Only and Guild Directories

Calendar

Guild Meeting: Saturday Jan 12, 2019, 9:00 am to noon Alamo Recreational Vehicle Park (Alamo Rec-Veh, Main Hall 1320 W Frontage Road Alamo TX 78516 Carpooling is encouraged.

Program: Stephanie Hackney -**Hobbs Bonded Fibers**

Board Meetings: Wednesday Jan 9, 2019 at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School. 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo, TX 78516

Military Service Quilts:

60" x 72" finished Red, white and blue combinations, Contact Carla Mewhinney or Renee Darkis for more information.

Programs:

Feb - Weeks Ringle transformation of quilts from traditional to vibrant art

Quilt Show - Cathy Geier, techniques for landscape quilts

Mar - Judy Gauthier -Quilts for Scrap Lovers



President Kathe LeTulle called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Block of the Month – Bonnie Cassidy: The January Block of the Month is Jacobs Ladder. See the newsletter and Facebook Page for the information. The December winner was Bonnie Hall.

Carly Mull from WebFabrics.net gave a presentation on Trends from Market.

Kathe LeTulle asked the membership to inform her if you have one of the 5 wagons the guild owns and uses at the quilt show. Please let her know by the February meeting if you are in possession of one or more of the wagons.

Reminder to park in the designated locations at Alamo Rec-Veh or your vehicle will be towed away.

151 were present today with 2 guests attending.

Treasurer – Karon Jacobson: Bank balance: \$5,077.82. Savings balance: \$33,133.42. The year ends as of December 31. Please cash any checks that have been distributed and turn in 2018 invoices to Karon.

Community Service-Rick Redd: November 2018 – Items – 281, Total Hours – 1621, Total Value - \$11,752.25. YTD Total: \$209,380.00.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The November General Meeting Minutes were printed in the newsletter. No Changes or Corrections. The minutes stand as printed.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: Please inform Maggie of any illnesses or deaths. Carla Hefla had knee replacement surgery and a card was sent to her.

Military Service Quilts: A number of quilts have been completed. The next 2 sew days are scheduled in January. January 8 – Green Gate, lunch provided. January 16 – Trophy Gardens, bring your lunch.

Programs – Judy Brown: Bookmarks have been printed for the 2019-2020 speakers. The February 15 and 16, 2019 Quilt Show Classes are filled. April 2019 program will be on how to use computer resources.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: Newsletter articles are due December 15, 2018.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: 2019 Retreats are filled however there are waiting lists. Today the final payment for the Friendship Star Retreat is due. The final day for a full refund for Friendship Star is February 21, 2019. The final payment for the Bluebonnet Retreat is the January 2019 meeting. The final day for full refund for the Bluebonnet Retreat is February 28, 2019. Special blocks are being made by participants for each retreat.

School House Classes – Karen Dill: Bonnie Hall will co-chair this committee with Karen Dill. Sandy Gurney and Bonnie Hall will be at the meetings over the summer to assist members to sign up for classes. School House Classes may be signed up for on line or at the meetings.

Webmaster - Bonnie Hall: If you have questions or concerns contact Bonnie Hall.

2019 Quilt Show – Debi Warner: The Quilt Show is February 15 and 16, 2019 at the South Padre Island Convention Center. Linda Haderer, chairperson for the Quilters Walk (Purse Raffle). Pat Skye is the sign maker. Marsha Santow, chairperson for 2020 and 2019 vendor chairman. Judy Bloom, small quilt chairperson. At the January 2019 meeting, the membership will vote on the small quilts. These quilts are then placed in the 2019 quilt show for sale. Paula McCutchan, challenge quilts. Bonnie Hall, Quilt Registration chairperson. Quilt registration can be done on line or at various Bee's. January 26th is the last date to register quilts. 54 quilts have been registered to date. Karen Dill, admissions chairperson. Karen Hunger is the volunteer chairperson, sign up for volunteer positions can be done on-line or at the January meeting.

Fat Quarter Draw – Sandy Gurney

Door Prizes – Kathe LeTulle

Show and Tell

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Paugh, Secretary.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT Dec 2018

TOTAL ITEMS	
TOTAL HOURS	
TOTAL VALUE	\$11,752.25

Donated by: Guild Members Mellie Peach Sew & Sew Winter Haven

Dawn Sanders Killer Bees Darlene Meadows





Bee News



Row Quilters had a great Christmas lunch at a members home. We had lots of appetizers and four kinds of soup. Many were enthusiastic about plans for the Holidays. Happy New Year from all of us, and remember that we meet on Friday's from 9 am to 2 pm at Alamo Country Club clubhouse, so come join us.

Killer Bees welcomed back returning members and a few new ones. We went to the Costumes of the Americas Museum in Brownsville. It was very interesting and informative. Eighteen of us went to the Retreat House in Rockport for a week of sewing, eating and lots of laughs. We are an open bee that meets 9 am on Thursday in Retzlaff Hall, at Sunshine Country Club in Harlingen.

Rudolph & the Quilt Show Elves

At the December Guild meeting several of the Quilt Show Elves shared their Christmas wishes with Rudolph.

Elf Bonnie's Christmas wish was to have a lot of quilts and projects registered for the quilt show. These can be registered online, or at Military Sew Days, the January Guild meeting, or you can contact Elf Bonnie and she will come to your Bee meeting. Deadline for registering quilts online is January 26th.

Elf Judy's Christmas wish was to have a lot of small quilts turned in for the Silent Auction. These quilts must be no larger than 144" when all sides are added together and will be voted on at the January Guild meeting. At the quilt show, these small quilts will be put up for silent auction, which raises money to help with the scholarships the Guild awards each year and the National Instructors the Guild brings to the Rio Grande Valley.

Elf Linda's Christmas wish was to receive a lot of filled bags and totes for the Quilters Walk. Part of the bags and totes will be put out each day of the Quilt Show. Attendees will be able to buy tickets to place in jars in front of the bags or totes of their choice. At the end of each day a winner will be drawn for each bag or tote. This is another way the Quilt Show raises money to assist the Guild.

> And the final Christmas wished from Rudolph and all the Quilt Show Elves is that everyone has a Blessed Christmas, a Safe and Happy New Year, and we want to see everyone at the Quilt Show in February!







Program News

Carly Mul received so many excellent comments from the December meeting. She had a great time and shared so very much about the industry with us. A BIG thanks to Bonnie and Mike Hall for picking her up at the airport and taking her to dinner Thursday night; to Renee Darkis and Judi Swanda for taking her to dinner Friday night and to the airport after the meeting. It helps so very much and they all expressed how much they enjoyed visiting with Carly.

In **January** since it is a very busy meeting with the challenge quilts and small quilts voting, we will have a shorter program — all about batting. There will be some samples and a lucky winner will win \$50 worth of batting from Hobbs.

February we welcome **Weeks Ringle**. You have heard from our last two speakers how much they think of Weeks.

Weeks and her husband, Bill Kerr opened the Modern Quilt Studio in 1999, but don't let the modern scare you. They are professional quiltmakers, pattern designers, magazine publishers, book writers, fabric designers for Benartex Fabrics, and excellent teachers. You can learn more about Weeks and Bill at https://www.modernguiltstudio.com/about-us/.



These are all pictures of some quilts of theirs posted on their Facebook page during the last two weeks:



There are still some openings in her classes. On Thursday, February 7, Weeks will conduct a workshop entitled "The Role of Color in Your Quilts" from 9:00 - 12:00 and conduct a Fabric Smackdown from 1:00 - 4:00 where you'll learn to analyze and understand fabrics then apply what you've learned to create palettes for future projects. On Friday, February 8, Weeks will teach the class Improvisational Piecing which is a highly rated class of hers. When you attend her lecture on Saturday, February 9, if you didn't sign up for one of her classes, I am afraid you will be very sorry you didn't.

In **March** we welcome **Judy Gauthier** for two umbrella classes and a Friday class using scraps from one of her books. The umbrella classes are nearly full, but there are spaces for her Friday class on Blended Hexagons. (We hope to have a sample for the January meeting.) There are several variations on that quilt that use that exact cutting technique, like Star Baby from the Rainbow Quilts for Scrap Lovers, and the Circus Comes to town. There is an additional variation on Star Baby as well. So, even though you are learning one quilt you are really learning several. You will also learn more about set in seams.

If you are not familiar with Judy Gauthier, check out any of the videos with Nancy Zieman on Sewing with Nancy:

Sewing With Nancy Videos Rainbow Quilts for Scrap Lovers, Part 1 | Sewing With Nancy ... <u>https://wpt4.org/wpt-video/sewing-nancy/rainbow-quilts-for-scrap-lovers-part-1-xktxti/</u> Quilting professional **Judy Gauthier** and Nancy show how to sort a fabric stash into useable pieces.

Rainbow Quilts for Scrap Lovers - Part 2 https://wpt4.org/wpt-video/sewing-nancy/rainbow-quilts-for-scrap-lovers-part-2-eo4w5h/

Learn quilting professional Judy Gauthier's system to making attractive scrap quilts.

NOTICE TO THOSE SIGNED UP FOR ONE OF THE UMBRELLA CLASSES:

The patterns are due to be here for the January Guild meeting. There are only enough at this time for those who have signed up for the classes. You will be expected to cut out your fabric prior to the class. Judy will be bringing the umbrella frames with her in March. The patterns are \$6. If you will not be attending the meeting, please see if you know someone attending and ask them to purchase your pattern at the Programs table at the meeting.

Program Survey Results

Thank you to those who attended the December meeting and filled out the program survey. We had a 38% response rate which isn't bad. However if you didn't have a chance to complete it and have some input for us on future programs, please send them to programs@rgvqg.com (or convey your input to any other Board member) for consideration when we discuss the results and ideas at the January Board meeting. The number one responses to "why I take the program classes" was "because I know that I'll learn more than I imagined. Even to use what I learn for other projects."

The number one response to "why I don't take program classes" was "I already have too many unfinished projects."

There were some very interesting suggestions which we will explore. As to speakers, we will be contacting several, however neither Bonnie Hunter or Laura Heine are continuing to visit Guilds. They are both constructing their own classroom/retreats and staying off the road to do classes for those who come to them. Tula Pink was also contacted last summer, but is under other contracts and unable to visit Guilds.

It appears that transportation is a problem for several. Since class attendee lists are available online shortly after they register, it would be great if you are attending a class to look and see if there are any others attending from your park or mentioning it at a bee meeting to see if there are others interested who would like to share a ride. There also are several who are unable to register online. Again it any of you could assist other non-computer users, it would be great. We will be continuing to register students at the meetings at the programs table. If you are interested in assisting with that, please let me (Judy Brown) know at programs@rgvqg.com as I am often busy assisting the speaker.

Thank you all for your feedback. It can only make our programs better!

Fat Quarter Draw

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Guild

members for their support. The ticket sales were amazing!

Thanks to Bonnie Hall for purchasing materials from several

Texas Quilt shops. Diana Wolf brought back material from Missouri Star Quilt

Company and Quilter's Station.

The rest of the fabrics came from WebFabrics.net. The owner of that online and brick and mortar shop was last month's speaker, Carly Mul.

Also thanks to our runners, Bev F, Darlene M, and Billie B.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Esther and Sandy.





RETREAT! RETREAT! RETREAT!



Excitement is in the air for sure as the 20th annual retreat is only a short time away. Start thinking about what projects you want to take with you, make your shopping list and get your party clothes packed. Yes, that's right. We are going to party and celebrate 20 years of RGVQG Retreats!

A Memorabilia area will be set up. Bring some of your favorite retreat memories with you to share with the group. It could be a project you made, pictures or anything that makes you think of a fun time you have had in the past at a retreat.

The green polo shirts will continue to be for sale thru February. I have sample sizes to try on at the meetings. There are no returns since these shirts are embroidered with the guild logo. The shirts are well done and very reasonably priced. Total price including tax, shipping and handling is \$15 for sizes small to extra large. For size 2X add \$2 and size 3X add \$3. These shirts are worth twice this price. You don't want to be left out, so get your shirt ordered soon.

Come by the Retreat table and pick up your white fabric for the square you are to make and bring with you to retreat. These will become part of our celebration decorations.

FRIENDSHIP STAR retreaters, your full payment is due at the December meeting. Your last day to cancel with a full refund is February 21, 2019. I have a list of 17 people who are waiting for a spot at this retreat. Please, if you have decided not to go to retreat, let me know ASAP. I like to give as much advance time as possible to people joining the retreat at this later date.

Bluebonnet Friends retreaters, your full payment is due at the January, 2019 meeting. I will not be there. So please either mail your payment to me or pay in December. I will have someone at the January meeting helping me but I do not want that person to be overwhelmed. Your last day to cancel with a full refund is February 28, 2019. There is a waiting list of 8 people waiting to go to the Bluebonnet Friends Retreat. If for any reason you cannot go this year, please, cancel as soon as you possibly can.

If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, contact me. I'm in the directory or see me at the meetings. Karyn Heaney



Questions? Judy.blum19@gmail.com

2018 Scholarship Recipients

RGVQG Membership

We have **358** members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild as of 11/18/2018.

We are taking online membership dues for 2019. We will also take cash, checks and credit cards (online) at the guild meetings. If you are not sure if you have yet paid your 2019 dues, you can check the Sign-In sheets. The Sign-In sheets and the member directory both have your membership id numbers. The 2019 membership ids start with 190xxx. The membership cards for 2019 are a lovely purple.

New members have never belonged to our guild before. Returning members were members in the past, but not the prior year. Renewing members were members in the prior year. The following are the

memberships received since the last membership article.

Erick Vega and Rosario Garcia Congratulations to both!!!



Welcome New Members – Renita Calufetti, Cynthia Cooksey, Karen J Dodd, Nancy Franch, Claire Guillory, Barbara Janssen, Leslie Lorenzo, Sharon Matsyk, Heather Merkau, Robert Parton, Marcia Riley, Jan Rondeau, Claudette M Roy, Mary Lynn Sielkin, Annie Smith, Carol Sylvester.

Welcome back returning members – Arleen Boman, Suzy Evers, Dianne Parry, Kay Sawyer, Carol Schilling, Pam Storms, Connie Wark.

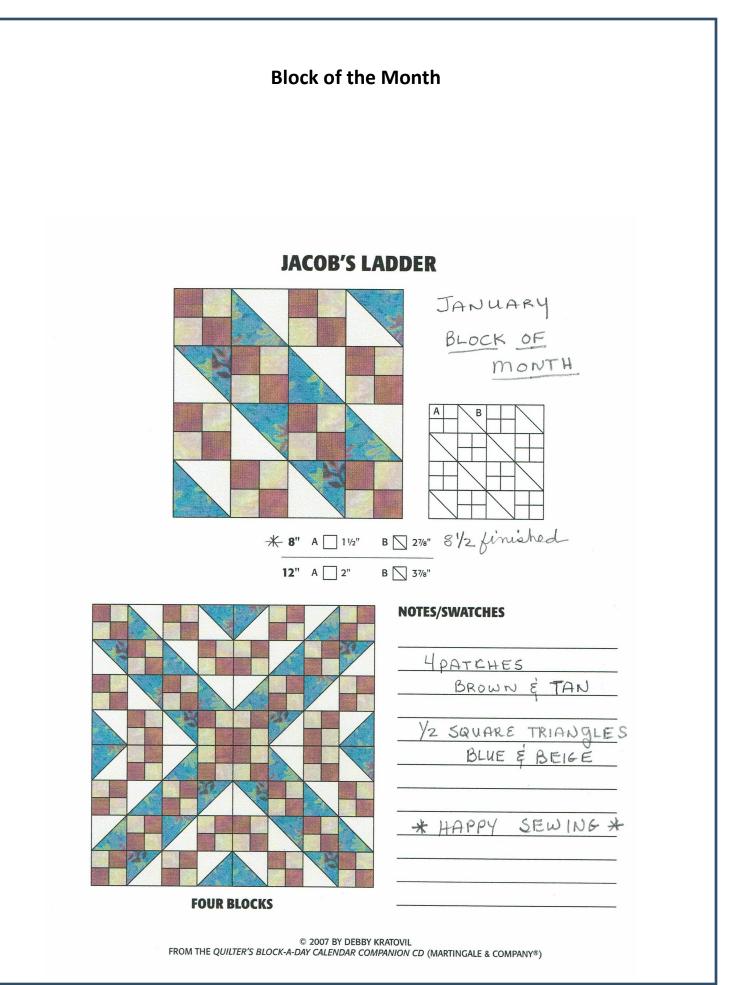
Welcome back renewing members – Sondra Bagot, Ann Bergan, Judy Bergman, Suzanne Brennan, Ladislada(Lala) Cherington, Chris Cowan, Sue Ann Crapsey, Renee Darkis, Glenda Davis, Terry Davis, Edna Day, Kathleen Kay Dombi, Marilyn Garnett, Carolyn Gottfried, Sharon Gulyban, Linda A Haderer, Barbara Hall, Karyn Heaney, Marilyn Hearnsberger, Janice Henderson, Patty Hoerr, Dianne Hoyt, Susan Hudson, Lynne Johnson, Beate Keith, Nancy Kinyon, Barbara Kissler, Jackie Landon, Pam Liston, Laurie Magee, Fran Mansfield, Janice Mathias, Angie McGuire, Monica Myers, Helen Ortlieb, Mellie Peach, Anita Pineda, Nancy Plantz, Shirley Rhoades, Cassino Richardson, Jackie Ridlon, Jane Ross, Karen Samuels, Marsha Santow, Alice Schroeder, Cheryl Sheer, Sheila Sivill, Sherry Skridulis, Pat Skye, Diana South, Gayle Steinbeck, Judy Sprague White, Debbie Williams, Linda Wood, Paula Young.

I will not publish address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is available online on the Members Only page. You will need a password to open both the Members Only (same as 2018 directory without the numbers) page and the directory. Your 2019 membership ID cards will have the info needed to access both the Members Only page the online directories on the back of the ID card.

I'd like to thank all the guild members for giving me the honor of serving as your membership chair for the last four years. Marty Morrison will be your new membership chair for 2019-20. You can reach Marty by emailing <u>membership@rgvqg.com</u>.

Thanks Much

Bonnie M Hall (membership@rgvqg.com) or 740-398-1629 (call or text)



Quilt Walk

Sew much imagination!

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More bags with themes of chocolate, lobster, South of the Border, Africa and more! I can't wait to see what other themes are developed. One bag was themed Gardening, and another with Table service for a pot luck or picnic (plates, flatware, napkins and wine glasses). Other bags contributed are Spa pampering (a girl can always use a little more pampering), Beach with towels and ball, Travel with guide, a novel, and last, but certainly not least, from the Wool Gatherers some supplies for felting and working with wool applique. I think the whole bag has been felted. What a treasure for someone!

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There is room in all of these bags for more items. If you have items to stuff these bags even more, please bring them to the January meeting. If you have random items or bags to donate, the committee plans to combine these into themes and put them in the Quilt Walk.

We understand a few more bags will appear with perishable food items. Some of you know some yummy recipes - they have been taste tested by Guild members and given 5 stars. More inspiration to be discovered.

Looking forward to new discoveries.

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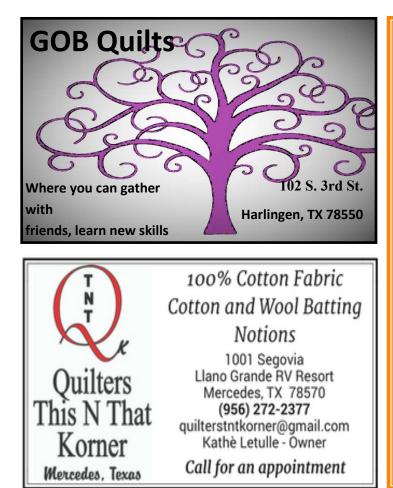
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