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#### Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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### Presidents Piece

I know it's hard to imagine when it's so hot, but summer is coming to an end and our Winter Texans friends will soon be coming back to enjoy the warm weather and renew their winter friendships. Lots of exciting things are coming up in the near future. The guild will start up our winter programs in November, our school house classes will resume, planning for our quilt show will shift into high gear, and some of us will be going to Houston for the International Quilt Festival.

I'm going to Houston this year and I can hardly wait. I've never gone to this show before so I'm excited to see all the quilts, take a class, and look at all (well, maybe not ALL) the vendors. How do you decide what you really want to see? I want to look at long arm machines, even though I don't have room for one; regular sewing machines, even though I already have six; and embroidery machines, just because that sounds like fun. Trying to decide on what classes I wanted took a long time. Wow, there are so many and so many teachers I would love to meet. My name badge and the supplies I will need in class are already in my suitcase. I hope the guild members who won a scholarship are all going to be able to go. If you won a scholarship and can't go, please let us know as soon as possible so we can let an alternate know.

I know you are probably getting tired of election coverage, but don't forget that our election of officers is also coming up in November. You no longer have to mail in your ballots, we will vote at our November guild meeting. We will introduce our nominees at the October meeting.

We had a great time at Friendship Day. Thanks to Barbara Kissler and her committee for all their hard work, and to all the instructors for their time and patience with us. We had several guests, including some of the girls who participated in our first quilting "camp", and we signed up some new members.

Don't forget our garage sale at the October meeting. Evelyn Fincher is coordinating this activity and already has 25 tables spoken for, so don't forget you money. If you have sewing related items you would like to sell, contact Evelyn about a table.

See you in October.

# Military Service Quilts

Calendar

The Military Service Quilts program of the RGVQG is now accepting nominations for recipients of Military Service quilts, being presented to veterans on Tuesday, November 8, at two times and locations, as follows:

10 am - at the South Texas College Technology Campus in room B-193

2 pm at the South Texas College Pecan Campus in the Rainbow Room.

To nominate a veteran, active military member, or a national guard member, to go http://msquilts.weebly.com/ and fill out the form located on that page. You may nominate more than one recipient by filling out a separate nomination for each nominee. The criteria are listed on the web page.

Thanks,

Laura Nunn, co-chair of the Guild's Military Service Quilt Program (956) 451-6288

**Board Meeting:** 

October 5, 2016

Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School **Quilt Show Committee's** 9am-noon **Guild Board Members** 1 pm

**Guild Meeting:** 

October 8, 2016 10:am Llano Grande Event Center **Program:** Garage Sale

**Board Meeting:** 

November 7, 2016 Monday
Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School
Quilt Show Committee's 9am-noon
Guild Board Members 1 pm

**Guild Meeting:** 

November 12, 2016 9:am STC, Weslaco

**Program: Sue Nickels** 

Machine Quilting for Today's **Ouilts** 

See page 3 for details



October 8, 2016 Program: Garage Sale

Fall clean up, clean out time. This is your opportunity to sell your "treasures" you cleaned out from your quilting/sewing/craft stashes! YES! You may reserve your table (s) if you contact me at 956-358-1460 or befincher@aol.com by October 3, first come, first served. There is no charge for the tables, the Guild does not receive a percentage, and you may take home all your \$\$\$. Bring or invite friends to shop because the guest fee is waived for this sale. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER, BRING YOUR OWN CHANGE AND BAGS AND TAKE ALL YOUR "LEFTOVERS" HOME WITH YOU. The sale will be held at the Llano Grande Park Event Center (ADDRESS ON THE WEB PAGE) so there will be ample room for a "craft sale" type set up. The doors will open at 8 a.m. (names will be on tables shortly after that time) and you may set up before the short business meeting at 9 a.m. The number of remaining tables available is limited, so HURRY! (IF YOU HAVE BOOKED MORE TABLES THAN YOU NEED/HAVE BOOKED TABLES AND WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS YOU KNOW SO I CAN ACCEPT MORE SELLERS.) Thanks and Happy shopping

# REVOE MEMBERSHIP

I will start accepting membership dues for 2017 at the October meeting. I only need a membership form if you are a new member, a returning member or a renewing member whose information (address phone email) has changed. The membership form is available on the forms page of our website, rgvqg.com. Please fill out the form online, then print and bring with you.

Renewing members without changes do NOT need to fill out the membership form.

We still have 302 members in the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. 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 newsletter.

Welcome New Members – No new members for September

Welcome back returning members – No returning members for September.

Welcome back renewing members – No renewing members for September.

I will not be publishing address or email info in the newsletter. Address and email info for all members is now available online on the alligator page. You will need a password to open the directory. Please contact me if you want the password for the online directory.

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

# Dates and Times for Novembers Program Classes With Sue Nickels

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 9am - 4pm Class: Machine Appliqué Flower Basket

Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School, 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX

Thursday, November 10, 2016 and Friday, November 11, 2016 9am - 4pm

Class: Machine Quilting Essentials

Renee's Fiber Art Quilting School, 1623 N Tower Rd, Alamo TX,





#### Mission Bee

We took Monday Sept 5th off for the observance of Labor Day, no meeting. We are planning to have a table (or two) at the Garage sale meeting in October, there are plenty of saleable things on our shelf that need to be removed.

We don't have any big projects underway right now because so many of our members are still enjoying their cool weather up north.

Several of our members attended the Friendship Day at Casa Del Sol, this event was very nice as usual and the classes were interesting and well attended. Needless to say we had more food than we could possibly eat, but we all tried.

Our next meeting is the usual 3rd Monday (19th 0f Sept).

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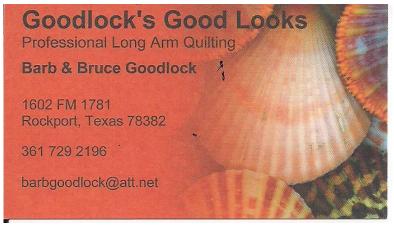
## Bobbin Buddies

The New Bee has a name. Bobbin Buddies. We meet on the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Thursday from 10am to 2pm. Our agenda is.....Sew....Talk....Eat....Smile.

We will on occasion have a project, which the group will decide on, one is already in the making. The meeting location will be at St. Peter & St. Paul Episcopal Church Mission, Texas, it is on the corner of Steward and 495(Griffin Parkway, Pecan) in Mission. There is no exit on the Interstate for Steward, use Shary Rd. or Bryon exit.

Come join us...we are an open to the community Bee, and would love to have you and your friends come sew with us.

Respectfully Submitted Subie Redd, rredd2@rgv.rr.com.





#### A Salute to the Beatles



Gads, it's September already and the 35<sup>th</sup> annual quilt show is just four

months away.

Have you registered your quilt? The show is a month earlier than previous years so don't delay in getting your quilt registered. You can do it via mail by completing the form, taking a picture and sending it and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Lila Helm. Her address in listed in the directory, both on line and the printed book.

I finished my first Challenge quilt and I am half way finished with the second, but I'm beginning to think I have imagined something greater than my skill level. However, I'll let the judges decide. The Challenge quilts will be part of the judging for the show and will not be judged separately at a guild meeting.

Have you finished your miniature? The miniatures need to be completed by the December 10<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting where we will be voting on them. Remember, there are cash prizes for the top three miniatures. These donated miniatures are sold at a silent auction and all the funds benefit the guild and our education programs.

We have 15 vendors and expect more in the next few weeks as we've had a lot of interest in our show.

Beginning in October the Show Board will beginning meeting and will finalize all the details needed to make the show a success. However, Volunteers are still needed. Karen Hazlett will have signup sheets at the October Guild meeting. Volunteers will pay \$5 admission on the day they volunteer. Volunteers at Quilt hanging will get credit for one day \$5 admission price.

Admission tickets are now available. They are \$10 per day; \$15 for both days; and \$5 per day for kids. Volunteer tickets are \$5 per day, but may not be purchased in advance. I will have tickets at the October Guild meeting.

Show Chair – Karon Jacobson



For those who have already sold tickets for the opportunity quilt and those who are just starting, we are working on an amazing prize for the winner of the opportunity quilt raffle basket after the 2017 quilt show.

This basket will be full of unique quilting and needle arts tools and supplies as well as gift cards. We have already received donations from Wimberley Stitch Studio, Moda (United Notions) and more distributors and designers have products on the way. Each month as more items come in we will be updating the list to keep you all excited and selling more tickets!

For each booklet of tickets sold, your name will be put into the pot for the drawing after the quilt show. This is a unique opportunity to raise funds for the quilt show/guild and to enter a chance to win some awesome prizes, tools and gift cards.

Opp. Quilt Raffle Basket:

July 2016 -----

- 1. Wimberley Stitch Studio: \$25 Gift card + FREE SHIPPING (+/- \$35 Value)
- 2. Moda (United Notions) via Kelly Griffin: Charm Packs from various designers plus quilting and needle arts books. (Value TBD)
- 3. Cut Craft Mom: Split "Purse-onality" & "Drawn Together" Tote Bag Patterns (+/- \$20 Value)

We will keep you updated as more products come in! Get your Opportunity Quilt Tickets at the next meeting!



#### Patchwork Pig Quilts

Thank you for contacting Patchwork Pig.

Please visit us at www.PatchworkPigQuilts.com
or Facebook.com/PatchworkPigQuilt



Hi! Its that time of year again.....

To all Members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, please see the emergency box on the web site (www.rgvqg.com) for information on future meetings and classes. The map is in color, and may take some time to download.

Thank you

# RGV Quilt Guild - General Meeting, September, 2016

There are no September Minutes.

## Election of Officers

This year for the first time the election of officers will be a show of hands at the November Guild meeting.

The three positions to be voted on are 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, and Treasurer.

Nominees are:

2nd VP (Membership) Bonnie Hall

2rd VP (Community Service) Rick Redd

Treasurer Karon Jacobsen

Nominating committee Chair is Pat Skye.

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