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Newsletter of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

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July 2017

Presidents Piece



Wow! It's already the middle of July. Where is the summer going? The Guild has been very busy this summer and we've done a lot of fun things so far. (I'm sorry all our Winter Texans friends are missing out this summer, but there will still be fun things to do when they get back.) Presenting all the Military Service Quilts this month has been great! We had a lot of helpers when we went to the South Texas Veterans Home on July 4th. We had guild members, husbands, and friends come out to celebrate with the veterans. We've also presented several other veterans with quilts, and we've gotten some new nominations.

Florencia Flores has also lead a couple of summer sessions for our youth programs. She's doing a wonderful job getting the kids and their mothers interested in sewing and quilting. Florencia can always use help, so please get in touch with her and volunteer to help her with her next sew day. Be sure and look at the Guild's Facebook page for pictures of the girls' and boys' projects. I'm looking forward to seeing them in our Quilt Show next winter.

It's the time of year when the Row by Row Experience is going on and people are collecting all the Row by Row patterns. It made me think (a dangerous thing!) about how our guild could participate in something similar, since we're a long way from lots of quilt shops where we could get patterns. I think it would be fun if each of our Bees designed their own row pattern that represented who they are, or what they do. Then we could all exchange patterns and create our own "Guild" quilt. Maybe the bees could sell the patterns to raise money for their bee. This idea is still in the "thinking about it" stage, but I would like to hear what all of our members think. Does this sound like fun? Would your bee like to participate? Maybe we could have a special exhibit in the 2019 Quilt Show. Send me a message, or email, or Facebook post and let me know if you are interested.

As usual, I'm looking for people who will help with Guild activities. Our Nominating Committee is actively seeking nominations for President, Secretary, and Programs, and we still need a 2019 Quilt Show Chairman. We have a wonderful guild, but it relies on members to help keep it moving forward. WE NEED YOU!

Calendar

Board Meeting: August 9, 2017



Guild Meeting:
August 12, 2017 9am
Llano Grande Event Center
Program:

Board Meeting:
September 6, 2017



Guild Meeting:
September 9, 2017 9:am
Llano Grande Event Center
Program:
Friendship Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm



RGVQG General Meeting - July 2017

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild – General Meeting July 8th, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Carla Mewhinney, President at 9 am.

Secretary's Report: There being no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes from the June 2017 meeting, they were adopted as posted in the newsletter and posted on the web.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$3,194.97 in the checking account and \$55,000 plus in the Savings Account. Those who have Scholarships for this year need to request their money by September 1st otherwise, it will be assumed that you are not going to use it and the next Alternative will be given a chance to use it.

Community Service: Three reports as follows:

June 2017: 187 items, 849 hours for a value of \$6,155.25
2nd Quarter: 506 items, 2068 hours for a value of \$15,001.25
6 Month Report: 4,309 items, 15,298 hours and a value of \$110,918.75

Publicity: Laura Nunn was announced as our new publicity chair.

Military Service Quilts: There were a total of 157 quilts given out at the Texas State Veteran's Home in McAllen. Publicity from the Monitor and Channel 5 KRGV-TV was great.

Due to the number of quilts needed for nominations received there will be a Sew Day at Alamo Rec Veh Park, 1320 W Frontage Rd., Alamo, on August 2nd, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please bring your projects, fabrics to work on, sewing machines, BSS and extension cords, rotary cutters and mats. Some fabric will be available for members to use. Bring a lunch or plan to go out to lunch.

Chris has several presentations scheduled in the near future, watch the web and facebook site for further information. We hope some of you will attend.

Laura Nunn has a Sew Day scheduled at STC, Pecan Blvd in McAllen on July 29th. From 10 am to 3 pm. Contact Laura for further information.

Hostess: We have 59 members present today with 2 visitors and 2 new members.

Membership: Bonnie Hall reports that with the two new members today we now have 295 members.

Library: Vicki Guerra asks that members send her an e-mail with requests for new books they might want.

Newsletter: Articles are due by the 15th of the month.

Quilt Show: Alice Gibson reports that everything is falling in to place. She would like to see more sales on the Opportunity Quilt.

Block of the Month: The block this month is a patriotic block, donated to Military Quilts. Subie Redd completed the blocks she won last month and received a \$25 Scholarship to be used for Programs or Schoolhouse.

There will be no BOM for August, September or October.

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A Block Away quilt shop would like a resource list of members selling quilts. Please be sure to not under value your quilts. The minimum charge of 7 cents per square inch barely covers all your work, fabric etc. Custom Quilts should be much higher. **DO NOT UNDERSELL** your work. Take a picture of your quilt and include your contact information and sale price and bring it to A Block Away on 10th Street, McAllen. A Block Away is also willing to sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilts.

It was announced that Go With Jo Tours would bring a bus to Bibleville to pick up ladies going to the Houston Quilt Show if they had just a few more women. There is safe parking at Bibleville for your cars.

Carla reminded everyone that "Friendship Day" is the September meeting and it will be at Llano Grande and the Garage Sale is in October. The Garage Sale is limited to sewing items only.

Karon Jacobson announced that she is still looking for a place to have our winter meetings. She is looking at three places at this time. If members have any suggestions please let her know.

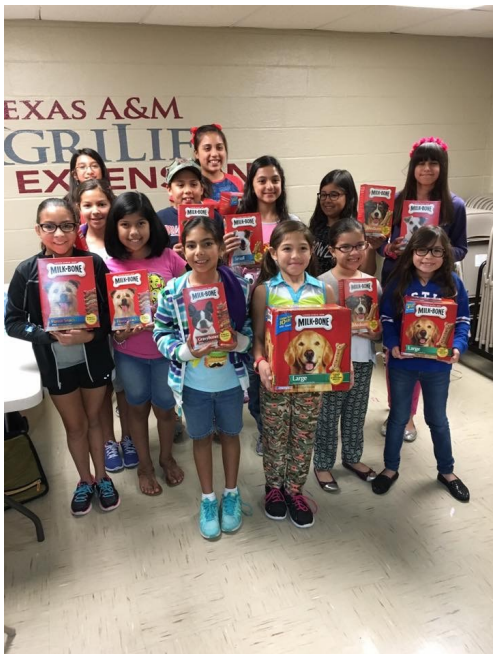
Please see the web site for upcoming Programs and Schoolhouse classes.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Swanda, Secretary.

the Youth Class

Beside learning to quilt they also donated for a community project. They donated pet blankets and milk bones to Laurie P Andrew Paws Center located in Edinburg.



HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



June 16, 2017

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
P.O. Box 32
Weslaco, TX 78599

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild,

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Hidalgo County would like to thank the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Association for the kind donation to host a Youth Beginner Quilt Workshop. The 3 day workshop was held from June 14, 2017 to June 17, 2017 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Hidalgo County facility located at 410 N. 13th Ave., Edinburg TX 78541.

Through the donation, we were able to serve 16 youths. The youths learned the basic understanding of constructing a quilt by our wonderful volunteers. There were 15 volunteers who assisted the youth throughout the workshop.

Through the partnership of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, we were able to meet our mission, *to provide quality, relevant outreach and continuing educational programs and services to the people of Texas and Hidalgo County.* Extension educates Texans in the areas of agriculture, environmental stewardship, youth and adult life skills, human capital and leadership, and community economic development. The agency improves the lives of Texans through an educational process that uses research-based knowledge focused on local, issues and needs.

Once again, thank you for your donation. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne Ureste".

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Patriots remembered

Military veterans receiving quilts from local Guild on Independence Day

BY DANIEL A. FLORES

STAFF WRITER

Members of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild organized and stacked patriotic-inspired covers on Monday in an Alamo backyard arts-and-craft studio.

Twine ties hold the quilts in piles of five as the crew counts, double checking the total. The 160 are enough for the former servicemen residing at the Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home.

The group has about 300 members from Roma to Brownsville and they caravanned to the McAllen facility Monday in preparation for distribution on Independence Day.

The annual July 4 Military Service Quilts programs honors retired or active military personnel who reside in the Rio Grande Valley with unique quilts as a token of appreciation. Nominations are accepted year round, open to the public and can be submitted at rgvqg.com.

"We are a nonprofit, and one of the criteria is that you have education and community service," said RGVQG member Karon Jacobson. "We're heavy in both."

A white triangle is sewn on the corner of every quilt thanking the recipient for

See



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild members Carla Mewhinney and Subie Redd bundle quilts Monday in preparation for transport to the Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home in McAllen.

Photos by Daniel A. Flores |
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Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild members will distribute quilts on July 4 for Valley veterans residing at Alfredo Gonzalez Texas State Veterans Home in McAllen.

their service, providing a space for the new owner's name in fabric pen.

"It's not a quilt until it's been quilted, and that's all this stitching that puts the three parts together," Jacobson

7/9/2017

Members of the club donate more than time, also supplying the materials, said Guild President Carla Mewhinney. Through the second quarter of the year, over 15,000 man hours and nearly \$111,000 in contributions have been documented by the organization.

Local shops also give discounted rates and some professional quilters order wholesale to help control costs, Mewhinney said.

A number of members own industrial, longarm quilting machines. These are responsible for the intricate thread pattern holding the pieces together. dflores@themonitor.com

A: Main

said. "A quilt is made up of three parts: the top, the batting and the back."

Each piece likely represents the work from multiple quilters, as they often delegate tasks.

The Guild also quilts for local neonatal intensive care units, vets receiving physical therapy and those in hospice care, members said. For more information about joining or supporting, go to rgvqg.com

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Hey! Calling All Small Quilts!

It is six months until the quilt show! How many of you have your small quilt or miniature done for the show? No? Have you started? Get your thinking caps going! The only requirement is that the perimeter of the piece be 144" or less. You may use any technique you wish. We will vote on the favorite at the January meeting. You may even win a cash prize. More importantly, this is a money maker for the guild.

Questions? Contact Judy Blum at judy.blum19@gmail.com

A "SEW DAY"

NEWS RELEASE:

will be held on August 2nd from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Alamo Rec Veh Park, 1320 W. Frontage Rd., Alamo, in the Annex Room.

Directions: Exit Alamo Rd, for those coming from the east stay on Frontage Rd past Alamo Rd., and the park is on the right; for those coming from the West take the turnaround going back west and it is on the right. If you get to Cesar Chevez Rd., you have gone to far. This will be a brown bag lunch or there are several fast food places nearby.

Please bring your machines, extension cords, BSS, cutting mats etc., also if you have fabrics in red, white and blue we can certainly use them. We will have some fabric for your use.

Come and have a great day of sewing and lots fun with other guild members.

There is lots of room.....

Military Service Quilt Presentations

Hi,

Have finally contacted all of the names on the list I have. I left messages with 4, emails on a couple that had bad phone numbers, 1 no answer, 1 already has one, 3 will call to set a time, 3 want Veterans Day presentations. Two were same person nominated twice, so 19 total.

Sunday, July 9 I have 3 in the Harlingen La Feria area. We're going to be over that way at my mother in law's in San Benito, so I can cover them plus with anyone else who wants to help. One at 4, another at 5, the other TBD, before, after, in between.

Tuesday, July 11 in the Donna area, the couple moved from Port Isabel, and don't know Donna well yet, but would like to meet for coffee somewhere. Suggestions, there, PSJA, or Edinburg? Flexible on time.

Thursday, July 13, in Los Fresnos at 11 am.

Friday, July 28 7:30 pm, (or day or so sooner) long haul trucker, expected return the day before.

The 2 additional ones for July 14th one are on, with possibility of change due to daughter who nominated her father and uncle's mother's death imminent any day now.

Chris



Just a reminder, if you have been awarded a \$600 scholarship to take classes at a quilt show, quilting cruise, nationally recognized retreat or training, you need to contact Karon Jacobson, Treasurer, to receive your scholarship check. The deadline to make your request is September 1st. If you have not made your request by then, the alternates will be contacted to offer the scholarship to them.

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditures RGVQG Checking Account	
JUNE 2017	
Balance Forward	\$ 7,223.90
INCOME	Income June 2017
Administration	
Community Service	
Fat Quarter Raffle	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	150
Military Service Quilts	
Newsletter (advertising)	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost)	
Programs (fees)	1659.5
Quilt Show	
Quilter's School House (fees)	120
Total Income	\$ 1,929.50
EXPENSES	
Administration, Gift Certificate	1382.92
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - storage, building use, PO Box, Web	485.11
Fat Quarter Raffle	127.5
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	61.89
Membership	
Military Service quilts	7
Newsletter	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	294.01
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	
Retreat - money to offset bank fees	3000
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	600
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
Total Expenses	\$ 5,958.43
Account Balance Forward	\$ 3,194.97

projector, camera,
cases, cables

Program News

Plans are complete for all the 2017-2018 guild year programs. All programs are posted on rgvqg.com website and all are available for advance online registration (except for March.) Currently, all speakers do have some openings, although a couple of classes are full, but we are accepting names for a waiting list. The March classes will be available for registration in mid-August. Marci Baker will be teaching “Tumbling Blocks/Roll of the Dice” on Thursday, March 8, 2018; “Not Your Grandmother’s Log Cabin” on Friday the 9th; and lecturing on “Top Secret Tips” at our meeting on March 10, 2018.

For those of you away from the Valley for the summer, you will be happy to hear that the Board approved the purchase of a projector and close-up camera so that we can all see better what the presenter is showing. You can see some of the wonderful pictures of Carol Hover’s excellent presentation at the July meeting on our Facebook page.

In preparing for speakers for 2018-2019 guild year, we are finding more speakers are already booking for 2020, but we have booked a couple exciting speakers and plan to have all booked soon for announcements to be made this winter. Don’t forget to let us know if you have heard good presenter/teachers and would like to recommend that we contact them. Please email programs@rgvqg.com.

On another topic, this week a representative of Chuck Olson Tours in McAllen called to say that they are planning a 4-day trip to Houston for the 2017 Houston International Quilts, Market & Festival from November 1-4. If you are interested in additional information, please contact their office or Kate McGuire at kmcguire@chuckolsontours.com.

Bee News



Wanna Bees’ Buzz for July, 2017

The Wanna Bees have been calm, but continue to meet during the summer. Monthly projects continue and are raffled among the Bees present. Lately we have made Red, white, and blue project for the month of July. Other projects have been: June-Father's Day; May-Flowers for Mother.

We are a welcoming Bee, so come visit us and stay a while. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, unless the Queen Bee cancels a meeting. For Beehive (location) information, call Anita at 956-490-4493 or Adela at 956-975-9349



MILITARY SERVICE QUILTS

Military Service Quilts (MSQs) has been very, very busy presenting quilts to Veterans! Several members of the RGVQG presented quilts to 157 Veterans at the South Texas Veterans Home in McAllen on July 4. Since then several other quilts have been presented in various locations throughout the Valley.

Due to all the presentations, our supply is VERY low! There will be a Sew Day on August 2 at Alamo Rec Veh Park from 9:30-3:30. Please bring your lunch or plan on going out for lunch.

REMINDER: All MSQs should be 60" x 72", red, white & blue. We ask that no other colors be used! The only time we do is gold for quilts that go to Fallen Soldiers' families. At this time we have a couple of those & fortunately, we don't have many requests for them. A couple other things to keep in mind is that some Veterans suffer from PTSD; & therefore, firework prints are discouraged as are branch specific fabrics. If you can't go to the Sew Day or if you are a Winter

Texan, we would greatly appreciate your sewing a top or two! If you could quilt it yourself, it would be wonderful as we have wore out some long-arm quilters recently!

If someone would like to nominate a Veteran or Active-Duty Military who reside full-time in the Valley, please go to our website, RGVQG.com & fill out a nomination form.! We have been getting a lot of publicity & we can't rest now! Thanks to everyone who is working to keep MSQs foremost in RGVQG's & the Valley's vantage points! You are greatly appreciated!

Llano Grande Hynes Event Center

The Llano Grande RGVQG gals are looking forward to hosting the annual FRIENDSHIP DAY, September 9, at the Hynes Event Center from 10am to 2pm.

We hope you plan on attending and plan to bring a friend. A sign up sheet will be at the August 12th meeting. On the sign up sheet, let us know if you are bringing a salad or dessert. Water, tea, and coffee will be provided by the hostesses. Please remember to bring a serving utensil for your food item. Paper goods (plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils) will be provided.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT June 2017

TOTAL ITEMS.....187

TOTAL HOURS.....849

TOTAL VALUE.....\$6155.25

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Quilt Show January 26, 27, 2018

Sewing with the Stars is progressing behind the scenes as you all go about preparing your quilts for the various categories in the show. Has anyone registered your quilt yet for the show?

We are trying to have a show that will keep your interest for the full time of the show as well as Ricky Tim's Luminarium that will follow our show directly. I hope everyone is signing up for all the classes, there will also be lectures, presentations and entertainment for your participation as well.

I am happy to inform you the caterer has been enlisted to feed you when the need arises during the show. The Convention Centre has been

cooperative in all our requests and will make the show a pleasure again this year.

The most exciting news is that last week to the Members is: Mark the Janome/ Elna representative from San Antonio, one of our vendors, has made available an Elna Star. He has included the extension table as well as the quilting foot. package. This will be the prize for one member for the sale of tickets for the Opportunity quilt. It certainly will be worth your while to get as many entries as possible by selling more books of tickets. The committee has tickets available for you to take and sell, this applied to those away from the Valley for the summer as well. Contact Jan Baethke to book the quilt for sales opportunities as well at community events and Fiestas.

Keep up the good work on the military service quilts I understand we will have a good display again this year

Alice Gibson

RGVQG Membership

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 have **296** 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 last newsletter.

Welcome New Members – Sharmaine Jennings and Janice Zezulka.

Welcome back returning members – No returning members for July.

Welcome back renewing members – No renewing members for July.

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. The newer membership ID cards will have the info needed to access the online directory on the back of the ID card. If your ID card does NOT have the directory info on the back, please see me at the next meeting and I'll give you a sticky label to put on the back of your ID card. Otherwise, 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)

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FYI



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, Bonnie Hall, webmaster



For more information about the things mentioned in the newsletter that you may have a question about, look on our web page, rgvqg.com or rgvqg.com/alligator



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