Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

Published in August, 2019

PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

I would personally like to thank Judy Brown for giving me the opportunity to do the August Program for the Guild. I had so much fun constructing the blocks and configuring them into 6 different quilt tops. I would also like to thank all those who attended the August Meeting and being so attentive. Although only 12 blocks were shown for each of the 5 quilt tops and 36 blocks for the 6th quilt top in military service fabric, many more blocks were made per quilt top and all will be donated to Military Service.

WE ARE MOVING LOCATIONS!!! Beginning with the September Guild Meeting, The Guild Meetings will be held at Trophy Gardens RV Park, 800 State Highway 495, Alamo, Texas. The RV Park is located between Alamo Road and Tower Road North of I-2. If you are traveling from the West on State Highway 495, your destination is the first RV Park on the North (left) side of the highway. If you are traveling from the East on State Highway 495, your destination is the second RV Park on the North (right) side of the highway. Advise the Gate Guard that you are attending The Guild Monthly Meeting and come on in. There is parking in front of the building and plenty more in the back of the building. There are entry doors from both parking lots.

September Program will be Friendship Day. SOOOO...come one, come all and bring your friends. Maggie Putney and committee have requested that everyone bring 5 strips 2-1/2" width of fabric (WOF) - for Right, Left & Center game. There will be a twist to the game – so be prepared to play. AND then the auction – bring a gently used, gift wrapped item. FUN! FUN! FUN! Be sure to bring a salad or dessert to share. If you were not able to sign up at the August Meeting, you can sign up on-line at the Guild Website – www.rgvqg.com. I urge you to sign up so the committee can prepare for everyone who attends.

October Program will be the Rummage Sale. Everyone is excited for this day to arrive. If you wish to sell quilting supplies, etc. and need a table – please contact: Karon Jacobson, 956-578-3032 or gtdanemd@yahoo.com to sign up.

Take the time to read over the new By-Laws and Standing rules that were approved by your board, August 7th 2019, on The Guild website – www.rgvqg.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: September - Friendship Day - Guild Meeting - September 14th- 10AM -2PM - Do not forget your salad or dessert, fabric strips, and gently used wrapped gift.

Be sure to sign up on-line at the Guild website – www.rgvqg.com. See Ya There!

We are all bound together by a common thread – quilting!

See Ya There! Safe Travels! Kathe – President@rgvqg.com 956-272-2377

Calendar

New location

Guild Meeting:

September 14, 2019

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Trophy Gardens

800 FM 495

Alamo TX 78516

Program: Friendship Day

Bring a friend, a dish for 8, 5 WOF strips, and wrapped gently or lovingly used item for a Chinese auction.

Board Meetings:

Sept. 11, 2019, Both at Trophy Gardens Activity Room Show Board Meeting: 9:30am Board Meeting: 1:00 pm

Programs:

Oct: Rummage Sale, aka Quilters Swap and Shop

Nov: Cynthia England - slide presentation of Picture Piecing technique, Includes enlarging the design, fabric selection, and organizational methods.

Dec: Tina Hilton, Malaysian Batik – The Hidden Textile Treasures of Southeast Asia



2019 July Treasurer's Report

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Checking: Savings July 31 Account Balance \$ 33,138.64

July 1 Opening Balance \$10,390.76

Expenditures \$ 2,890.85

Income \$ 518.53

July 31 Ending Balance \$8,018.44

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee presented their final report to the Board. The Board passed the revised bylaws. I encourage everyone to read them. There are many changes. In the future, general members will vote on bylaws changes and other matters. There are many procedural changes. Policies and Procedures was renamed Standing Rules. The duties and responsibilities of standing committees is shown. I encourage everyone to go the RGVQG.com website, go to Members Only page and scroll down to the last paragraph for the links to the Bylaws and the Standing Rules. Or, try this link: https://www.rgvqg.com/members-only.html You do have to log in to the Members Only section of the website. If you have questions, please ask the committee members: Diana Wolf, Marti Morrison, Dale Shafer, Pam Manley, Laurel Powell, Judy Johnson, and Karyn Heaney, with Kathe Letulle as advisor.

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes, Saturday, August 10, 2019

Kathe LeTulle opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

Kathe LeTulle was the speaker/presenter for the meeting. Kathe gave a demonstration on How to Use a Chameleon Block.

The business meeting resumed at 9:55 am.

Secretary – Joy Paugh: Joy thanked Judi Swanda for covering her July duties. The July minutes were printed in the July Newsletter. There being no corrections or changes, the minutes will be filed as posted

Treasurer – Diane Tewell: July ending Bank Balance was \$8,018.44. The July ending Savings Account Balance was #33,138.64. Diane provided an explanation of the Guild's balanced budget and the importance of income to the Guild. The selling of the opportunity quilt tickets and the membership enrollment are the 2 primary sources of income. The Quilt Show is the 3rd largest source of income. The Board has approved a balanced budget of \$33,250.00. Which equates to the income and expenses being equal at the end of the year. Set expenditures of \$13,000.00 plus programs and school house which adds \$13,150.00 to the expenditures. Diane encouraged everyone to sell their opportunity tickets for the 2020 Quilt Show.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: The newsletter is due August 15.

By-Laws Committee - Diana Wolf, chairperson. Committee members: Marty Morrison, vice-chair, Laural Powell, Judy Brown, Pam Manley, Dale Shafer, Karyn Heaney and Kathe LeTulle, as advisor. The Board passed the revisions presented by the committee at the Board meeting Wednesday, August 7, 2019. The current by-laws do not require the membership to vote on the changes. The updated by-laws are available to be viewed on the RGVQG website.

Membership – Marty Morrison: 321 Members

Community Service – Subie Redd for Rick Redd: July totals- Items:214, Hours:419, Value:\$3,307.75.

Retreat – Karyn Heaney: 1 opening in the Friendship Star Retreat. The Bluebonnet Retreat has a waiting list of 14-15 members.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: 10 cards have been mailed this past month. Jean Huff passed.

Friendship Day – Maggie Putney: Maggie distributed a flyer about Friendship Day, September 14. A sign-up sheet was available. Members are asked to bring friends, a salad or dessert, a softly used item wrapped as a gift, 5 strips of fabric 2.5 inches by WOF.

Military Service Quilts – Elaine Hall for Pam Manley: Elaine showed a few military quilts she has quilted. The military quilts from our Guild go to military service people from the RGV. A pattern for walker bags is available, kits are available to make quilt tops, and bundles are ready to be quilted.

2020 Quilt Show – Marsha Sandow: A chairman is needed for the demos at the show. A chairman is needed for the boutique.

Opportunity Quilt Tickets – Sarah Reed: \$900.00 has been received from opportunity quilt ticket sales. Sarah is scheduled to sell tickets at the Jackson Street Days in Harlingen. Sarah will be willing to sell tickets and show the quilt at any of the Bee's/Park's events.

Attendance – Karen Hunger: Today there were 53 members present and 1 guest.

Block of the Month – Subie Redd: The August Block of the Month is due at the November meeting. A table will be set up at the October Garage Sale. The Block of the Month information is on the website and printed in the newsletter.

2020 Quilt Show – Tote and Bag Raffle – Diana Wolf (Linda Haderer): Diana commented that if anyone has items or bags that are completed and ready for the raffle in 2020, Diana will store them.

2020 Quilt Show – Karen Hunger: Karen reminded everyone that volunteers are needed for the quilt show. Check the website to sign up.

Youth Sew – Subie Redd: The students will be making Christmas Stockings for area hospitals. Subie may request help with cutting.

Kathe said the Garage Sale yearly program is in need of a chairperson, Evelyn Fincher has resigned. Karon Jacobson volunteered to chair that event.

Fat Quarter Draw, Door Prizes, and Show and Tell

The September meeting will be held at our new location: Trophy Gardens, 800 TX-495 between Tower and Alamo Road, in Alamo. September 14 is Friendship Day, meeting time is 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Kathe LeTulle thanked Judi Swanda for her awesome work during the time the Guild was hosted at Alamo Rec-Veh Park.

Kathe LeTulle adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Paugh, Secretary

RGVQG Friendship Day



"Picnic in the Park"

Date: Saturday Sept. 14

Time: 10:00 am to 2 pm

Pleace: Trophy Garden RV Park

800 S. H. 495, Alamo TX

Bring: a dish for 8, either a salad or dessert

5 strips of fabric, 2 1/2 inches, WOF for Right, Left & Center

Chinese Auction: Bring a gently used gift wrapped item.

Most importantly: Bring a friend or a

neighbor or both!

All are Welcome!





Membership information

The annual dues are only \$25.00 and can be paid on-line, paid at a meeting, or a check (made payable to RGVQG) can be sent to the Guild mailing address.

We have 321 Members in 2019. Membership renewal will begin after Friendship Day activities for the calendar year 2020. I'm trying to decide on a new color for the 2020 Membership ID cards.

There are several members who do not have the 2019 cards. The 2019 membership numbers start with 190xxx. The cards for 2019 are a lovely shade of purple. The Membership ID cards will have information on the back of the card needed to access the "Members Only" page and the Directory, which contains email and address information for all members.

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is www.rgvqg.com

Please let me know if you need assistance.

Marty Morrison (membership@rgvqg.com) or 816-686-3467

QUILT SHOW

Everything is moving along in preparation for next years show. I still have two jobs that need to be filled, demo chair and boutique chair. Also if you have a little time, we need to start collecting items for the boutique. I will start bringing a basket to our guild meetings and you can deposit items in it. Please price the items if possible because we don't know how much you have in them. Thank all of you in advance.

Why we do what we do. Purpose of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

(a corporation) is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

From the original documents organizing the Guild.

\$33, **250.00** is what is takes to run the Guild for a year. There is fixed overhead of \$13,000 for things like insurance, bonds, rent for meetings, scholarships and a few other things. Then there are line items of \$13,150.00 which can vary in cost, such as Schoolhouse and program speakers. There are a few other items which add up quickly. We all enjoy the experiences and knowledge we receive from the Guild.

However, it is literally you get out what you put in. We are a self-funded organization. We can only receive what we contribute in time, money and effort.

Nominating Committee

Remember that elections for President, Secretary and 3rd VP/Programs will be at the November meeting. We do have multiple candidates for President so will be having a paper ballot as well as online voting for those who use a computer. We are still in need of nominations for the other two positions.

Please strongly consider them yourself or talk with someone else that you think would be good. Nominations will be announced at the October meeting.

If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Pam Manley or Judy Brown. Thank you.

RUMMAGE SALE 2019

Are you running out of room in your sewing room? Are you tired of looking at the same fabric, but need to get rid of it to make room for new? Have you cut back on scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting or crafting? Then it's time to "destash" and your opportunity is at the October 12th Guild meeting.

30 tables are available and are free.

Don't have enough stuff for a whole table, don't hesitate to let me know if you only need half a table and I'll pair you up with someone who also only needs a half table.

Be sure to price your items, it will make your transactions go smoother.

Please contact me by email at karonj69@gmail.com and give me your name, phone number, and how many tables you need and I'll reserve your table(s). Remember, first come first serve so book early and guarantee your place at the Rummage Sale. So, start packing up your sewing and crafting items that you want to get rid of.

Karon Jacobson

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT July 2019

Donated to: Loves & Fishes Dawn Sanders Donated by: Killer Bees Cancer Clinic Harlingen

AN OPPORTUNITY!

The Guild has been contacted by The Socorro Foundation. They have opened transitional shelter in Hildago. They are providing families with a newborn, infant or small children. They stay for 3-5 days, before traveling to meet their sponsor family and await their asylum hearing. The program is called Patchwork and Pillowcases Drive, it aims to provide a quilt for each bassinette at the shelter, and a pillowcases for every child that is theirs to keep. The shelter serves 100 people every three to five days. They need lots of pillowcases!

If you would like to help this organization you can go to their website website https://www.thesocorrofoundation.org Or you can call me at 956-581-6588





Opportunity Quilt Show Ticket Sales

Ladies and gentlemen I am so excited to be a part of the Opportunity Quilt Show committee. We are doing so well with ticket sales and I am so enthused about the excitement we have about the items made for the drawing this year.

Thank you so much to those of you who have picked up your tickets and those who have already returned them. Please pick up your books by contacting me at the Saturday meeting or by email/phone and I can get them to you. Remember that for every book you sell you will get a ticket to enter the drawing to win one of the two \$150 gift cards from our local quilt shops. You will also receive a free quilt show pin for your participation.

We are already receiving requests to set up at craft shows. Please let me know of any craft shows/jams/activities at your parks that we can set up at and sell tickets.

Those who have not picked them up remember that as a member it is requested that you sell at least 4 books/\$20 worth of tickets. They sell 6 for \$5 or \$1 a piece. It only takes 1 ticket to win.

This really helps all of us continue with the Quilt show, the wonderful speakers/teachers we have and the space we rent for the meetings.

I appreciate all of you and the wonderful guild we have that keeps all of our activities going.

Pictured above is the Quilt which is 108x108, the stained glass piece, and the quilted tote that are part of the drawing.

Special thanks to:

Carla Mewhinney, Sue Arnold, Nancy Flaherty, Lila Helm and Mr. Helm, Karen Eck and Renee Darkis for the beautiful items for the Opportunity drawing.

Have a blessed day,
Sarah Reed Opportunityquilt@rgvqg.org
936-933-6965





Program News

A reminder that **September** is Friendship Day and **October** is our Rummage Sale.

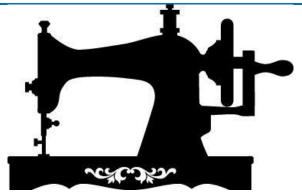
Registration and details for Cynthia England's visit in **November** are on the website ready for your registrations. We will have samples available for you to see at the September and October meetings. We are very lucky to have Cynthia come to our Guild this November as she is extremely in demand. One of her quilts, "Piece and Quiet" was distinguished as one of "The Twentieth Century's Best Quilts" plus she has received many awards for her work; including **three** Best of Show awards at the prestigious International Quilt Festival. Her quilt "Show Time" pictured here is featured as the cover on the new book "Magic and Memories: 45 Years of International Quilt Festival" being introduced at the upcoming Houston Quilt Festival by Teresa Duryea Wong (our Quilt Show lecturer).

Tina Hilton from Turtle Hand will present our **December** program. We will have a sample of that as well in October. She just posted a picture of her booth at the current AQS show and will be bringing a "pop up store" to our meeting. We will also have another big surprise in December so be sure to mark the dates on your calendars.



Look carefully at the picture **above**, it's a pictorial quilt!





Smithville Stitchers Quilt Guild PO Box 465, Smithville, TX 78957

Dear Sister Quilt Guilds;

The Smithville Stitchers will be having its Airing of the Quilts quilt show on Saturday, November 9th 2019 at the Church of Christ in Smithville

This year we are proud to announce that we have Edie McGinnis coming to do our bed turning. Edie has worked for the Kansas City Star and for the Missouri Star Quilt Company. For our bed turning she will be showing the Kansas City Star Quilts. The bed turnings are at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Seating is limited.

If that isn't exciting enough, we also have the Robert Kaufman color of the year "Splash" Kona Quilts. This is the first time and may be the only time these will be shown in Texas.

The Airing of he Quilts event on Saturday is free to the public, but to add to the temptation, on Monday November 11th Edie will be giving a lecture and trunk show on her book "Finders Keepers". These are the quilts that were found in an abandoned farm house and taken to Edie to evaluate. The trunk show is the copies she made.

This lecture and trunk show will have very limited seating. We are offering tickets at \$10.00 per person to our sister guilds. Members of your guild should email us at ssaoq@yahoo.com to reserve a place. Email timestamps will be used to determine availability of seating. Checks should be mailed to us within 7 days to guarantee a seat. Mail checks to:

Smithville Stitchers % Judy Rich 833 Hwy 95 S Smithville, Texas 78957

If you have any questions you may contact Vicki Means at Making Memories Quilt Shop at 512-575-7040.

Sincerely, Judy Rich, Chairman - Smithville Stitchers - Airing of the Quilts



July

Re: Youth Sewing Classes

Sewing is an important Life Skill and is the vehicle to teach self-confidence through skill building.

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2019 Quilt Show, Blooming Color



The 2019 quilt show will be held at The Dell Diamond United Heritage Center 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd. Round Rock, Texas 78665

Friday, September 27 from 10 am to 7 pm and Saturday, September 28 from 10 am to 5 pm

Show tickets will be available at the door. Parking is free.

The show features over 100 quilts on display; vendors; a Silent Auction with buy-it-now options; a Boutique of hand-made items; Granny's Attic full of gently-used fabric, patterns and notions; plus a raffle quilt.

You must be a guild member to enter a quilt in the show. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased from members of Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild or at the show. The raffle drawing will be held at 4PM Saturday, at the quilt show. Winner need not be present to win.

The raffle quilt is from a pattern called Flourishes by Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins of Piece O' Cake Quilting. It is 89 inches square, and has wool batting. It took four quilters (Gloria Hale, Sharon Frederick, Doris Jablonski and Jean McCoy) almost 2 years to hand applique and piece. The beautiful quilting is by Cat Marion.



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Saturday, November 30, 2019 from 9 am to 3 pm at Edinburg Activity Center, 123 East Palm Drive, Edinburg, TX

An exciting one day shopping event of handcrafted, homemade and one-of-a-kind treasurers made by local talent.

Door Prizes - Craft Workshops - Community Performance

ANNUAL MCV HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Our Group is actually called Junior Master Sewers, which has been a group of young people sponsored by 4H for a long, long time.

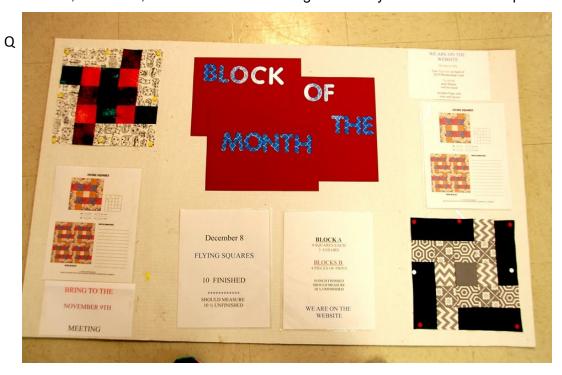
We will start our classes on September 6, and continue thru next Spring, meeting twice a month on the First and Third Fridays. One of the projects we will be doing is making Christmas Stockings, for the Children's Hospital and a few of the local Nursing Homes. One of the Students is working on a badge for the Girl Scouts, she will be in charge of this program, with me as her advisor. All the students are really looking forward to doing this. After that there are a number of small what I like to call re-make things we will be doing with things already in our closets.....making them look new!

Rick and I really enjoy working with the group, and the volunteer are the Greatest...all Guild Members,

Thanks a lot. Subie Redd

Block of the Month for November Guild Meeting

We are on the website! Go to <u>rgvqg.com</u>. Then go to **members only** (last option). Enter the members only password that is on the back of your membership card. Scroll down until you see **Block of the Month**, click here, then click on the meeting month or you can use the info provided here.



Quilter's Block-a-Day Calendar by Debbie Kratovil December 8 – Flying Squares 10" Finished

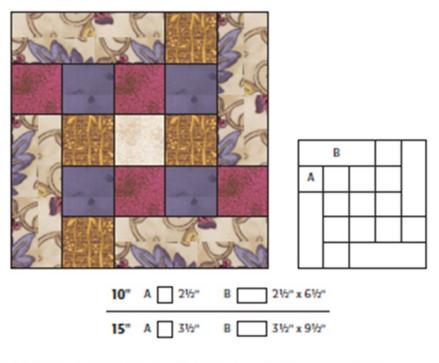
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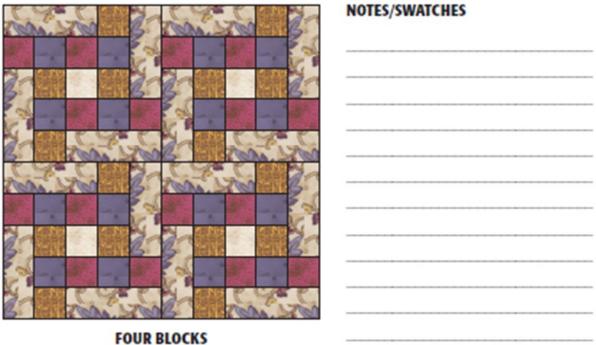
Block B – 4 rectangles of print fabric

Please measure, unfinished block should be 10 1/2"

Block of the Month for November Guild Meeting

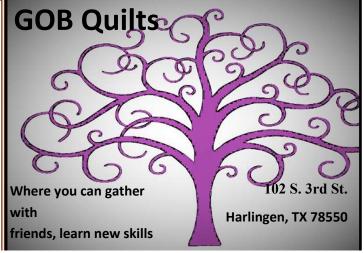
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