



Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 32, Weslaco, TX 78599 - [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)

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## President's Threads That Bind

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by Kathe Letulle

OOH my Goodness, the cold has hit the valley. We are not accustomed to 30's and 40's. Please GO AWAY!

If you did not attend the January Meeting - you sure missed an awesome Presentation by Mary Kerr. Ideas were abound in how to repurpose old quilt blocks. A very new perspective and one that everyone CAN DO! Remember Thomas the Train? I Think I Can, I Think I Can. Well, now we know we can. The machine quilting was extraordinary and ideas to the modern concept.

We are all wishing for a Better New Year and are just letting the negative 2020 GO! 2021 will be a POSITIVE YEAR for all. Meeting on Zoom has allowed a positive vibe to all members.

Read all the articles in every newsletter and send your **Show and Tell Photos** to me for the March Meeting. THERE WILL BE NO FEBRUARY GUILD BUSINESS MEETING DUE TO THE GUILD VIRTUAL QUILT SHOW. Attend and have a wonderful adventure.

ALL Members - ALWAYS check the website for any updates, access to Board and meeting minutes, and what is going on within the Guild during this time of getting back to what we feel will be a normal life. See you at the next Guild Meeting - March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM Central Time.

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

**Blessings!** Kathe - [President@rgvqg.com](mailto:President@rgvqg.com)  
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## RGVQG Important Dates

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Virtual Quilt Show .....	February 8-14
February newsletter deadline.....	February 15
March meeting .....	March 13

# Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

Happy New Year to everyone and a special "Thanks" to those who have renewed their membership. Now that we are meeting via Zoom, you can be a member from anywhere, so if you cannot come to the Rio Grande Valley this season, you can still be a member of the Guild.

The 2021 Budget was approved by the Membership, so please do your part to support the Guild. Your membership dues help pay for Insurance, Storage Units, Meeting places, etc. The annual dues are only \$30.00 and can be paid on-line, just click on the link below

<https://form.jotform.co/rgvquiltguild/membership>

or a check made payable to **Rio Grande Valley**

**Quilt Guild** and send to:

RGVQG Membership

PO Box 32

Weslaco, TX 78599-0032 2021

Membership cards begin with the numbers 210xxx. The information needed to access the "Members Only" page and the Directory will be sent to you by email.

If you are paying by check, please include your email address – then I can let you know that the Guild has received your check. Also please provide any personal information has changed, so the Guild Directory can be updated.

For 2020 we had a total of 320 members.

For 2021 there are 141 members. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following **New**

### **Members:**

- Jurene Gardner
- Georgia Huffman
- Diane Minor

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is [www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com) Please let me know if you need assistance. Marty Morrison ([membership@rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@rgvqg.com)) or 816-686-3467

# Treasurer Report

by Diane Tewell

## December Treasurers Report

November 1 Beginning Balance	\$10,466.50
Income	\$4,153.17
Expenditures	\$95.00
December 31 Ending Balance	\$14,504.67

### December 2020 Savings Account Report

December 1 Beginning Balance	\$33,158.38
Interest	\$ .84
December 31 Ending Balance	\$33,159.22

*Dear RGVQG Members,*

*I would like to thank you for your support during my 2 years as your Treasurer. I enjoyed meeting and making so many new friends. The support you gave me during this time was so appreciated as we were going thru some rough times financially. You came to the aid of Guild and me when an appeal was put to you to renew your membership. You rewarded us by voting to increase the annual dues to \$30. Your support kept us out of the red.*

*Unfortunately the virus stopped our income from programs and Schoolhouse classes, but to the end it also stopped most of our expenses. We survived the 2020 year in better financial condition than expected. Now we face 2021 and our main income is still from the membership renewals, so please pay your dues and help our Guild to survive.*

*Thank you again! Stay safe & Stay Healthy!*

*Diane Tewell*

Note: RGVQG Annual Report next page

**2020**  
**RGVQG ANNUAL REPORT**

	1st QUARTER	2nd QUARTER	3rd QUARTER	4th QUARTER	YTD TOTALS	BUDGET	BALANCE
<b>INCOME</b>							
Donations	8.00	121.00	132.11	41.40	302.51		302.51
1 year Zoom Pro			150.00		150.00		150.00
Military Service Quilts Programs		496.00		24.00	520.00		502.00
Programs				150.00	150.00		150.00
Fat Quarter Drawing	506.00				506.00	1,000.00	494.00
Guests & Fines	347.00				347.00	150.00	197.00
Membership - Minus Refunds	3,290.00	90.00	180.00	3,540.00	7,100.00	7,500.00	400.00
MISC Income (Table Rentals, etc.)			40.00		40.00	73.00	33.00
Newsletter Advertising	160.00	10.00		150.00	320.00	500.00	180.00
Programs - Minus Refunds	490.00			330.00	820.00	3,400.00	2,580.00
Quilt Show	12,000.00				12,000.00	12,000.00	
School House - Minus Refunds	40.00				40.00	750.00	710.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,841.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>502.11</b>	<b>4,235.40</b>	<b>22,295.51</b>	<b>25,373.00</b>	<b>3,077.49</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Bank Service Charge							
Bee Keeper (Upper & Lower Valley)							
Community Service						150.00	150.00
Fat Quarter Drawing	330.70				330.70	1,000.00	669.30
Friendship Day						150.00	150.00
Gift Certificates						150.00	150.00
Guests & Fines	10.00				10.00	25.00	15.00
Legal Fees - State						25.00	25.00
Insurance - Liability - Annual				830.00	830.00	855.00	25.00
Insurance - Bonding - Annual				247.00	247.00	247.00	
Library						150.00	150.00
Membership	110.44				110.44	125.00	14.56
Memorial Flowers						50.00	50.00
Military Service Quilts	821.86			140.00	961.86	500.00	461.86
Newsletter						40.00	40.00
Office Supplies	30.95		77.70		108.65	100.00	8.65
PayPal Fees	104.60	4.25	6.80	169.27	284.92	250.00	34.92
Printing						100.00	100.00
President - Door Prizes, Departing Officers				95.00	95.00	95.00	
Programs	3,179.71	3,606.69		150.00	6,936.40	11,375.00	4,438.60
Room Rentals - 6 Classes - \$50	200.00				200.00	450.00	250.00
Program Chair Expenses						100.00	100.00
Publicity						100.00	100.00
QuickBooks Program - Annual			287.82		287.82	307.00	19.18
Rentals - Board & Guild Meetings	1,050.00				1,050.00	4,200.00	3,150.00
Rentals - Post Office Box - Annual	148.00				148.00	134.00	14.00
Rentals - Storage Unit - Annual		1,539.00			1,539.00	1,539.00	
Scholarships - Officers							
Scholarships - College		2,000.00	2,000.00		4,000.00	2,065.00	1,935.00
Schoolhouse - Instructors - 5 - \$50	250.00				250.00	250.00	
Room Rentals - Classes - 5 - \$50	50.00				50.00	375.00	325.00
Schoolhouse Expenses						100.00	100.00
Sunshine & Shadows						16.00	16.00
Web Service - Annual Pay	18.17		249.44		267.61	300.00	32.39
Zoom Video Communications			127.84		127.84		127.84
Zoom - 500 Participants			106.60		106.60		106.60
Zoom - Training Session			15.00		15.00		15.00
Youth Education						50.00	50.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,304.43</b>	<b>7,149.94</b>	<b>2,871.20</b>	<b>1,631.27</b>	<b>17,956.84</b>	<b>25,373.00</b>	<b>(7,416.16)</b>

39th Annual  
**Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show**

February 8 - 14, 2021

online at [rgvquiltshow.org](http://rgvquiltshow.org)

**From Vintage to Modern  
Quilts for all Times**

Immerse yourself in the history, nostalgia  
and even a look to the future of Quilting!

**Lectures**

*Civil War Quilts* - Alison  
Rainboth

**AQSG**

*19<sup>th</sup> Century New York  
Quilts* - Sharon Waddell

*Cotton & Thrift:*

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Feedsacks* -  
Marian Ann Montgomery

*Graphic Quilts of the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Century* - Tara Miller



**Wonky Star Class**

w/Mary Kerr Fee: \$40

Feb. 8, 2021 9am-1pm

Register at [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)

Quilts of the Past  
Quilts of Today  
Quilts of Tomorrow

Exhibit of Vintage Notions  
Vendor Mall & Demos  
Silent Auction  
& More

Presented by the  
**Rio Grande Valley  
Quilt Guild**



## 2021 Virtual Quilt Show

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by Laurie Magee

### Comments from the Quilt Show Chair

We are entering the last phase for planning and execution of the master plan for the 2021 RGVQG Virtual Show. The members of the show board have responded to the challenge of moving from an in-person show where the tasks have been tweaked and modified over lots of years to a situation where we truly had to rethink everything AND learn new skills. In the process we have tried to develop products and resources that will serve us well in the future.

The tasks for those of you who are not on the show board are as follows:

- Sign up for the show classes and make something beautiful!
- Meander through the Quilt Gallery and take time to examine the color choices and skill that went into each item.
- Look at the vintage items and think about the quilters of the past who created these kinds of items and used these examples of sewing paraphernalia.
- Listen and enjoy the lectures that will give you insight into textile and quilt history.
- Shop in the Marketplace for the items in the silent auction and consignment section.
- Most of all! Visit our vendors and shop. Show them that it was worth it for them to be part of our virtual show.

Most of all! You each have a week to accomplish this! If you are an early bird, do it at 6 am. If you are a night owl, midnight is your time. The only thing that you have a strict time frame is the class. See you there.

## Quilt Show Class

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by Laural Powell and Laurie Magee

The Wonky Star class with Mary Kerr, is open for registration on the Guild website at [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com). Then on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm, fee for this class is only \$40.00. As a Quilt Show class, it is open to Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild members and non-members. With this being a virtual class there is no travel involved, which may spark a higher interest from quilters outside of our Guild. There are only 23 spots in this class, so please register as soon as possible if you are interested. There will be a waitlist opened once this class is filled. If we fill the February 8<sup>th</sup> class and get at least 8 people on the waitlist early, there is a possibility of opening another class of 23 spaces.



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### Wonky Star Class Supplies

You have options for the supplies for Mary Wilson Kerr's Wonky Star class during the guild's virtual show.

- You may email Mary Kerr, [mary@marywkerr.com](mailto:mary@marywkerr.com), with preferred colors and she will provide vintage fabric for \$20,
- You may contact Laurie Magee at [lamilib47@gmail.com](mailto:lamilib47@gmail.com) and give me a choice of colors and a mailing address and I will provide you with vintage blocks/fabrics. If you choose this option, I request that you donate \$20 to the Guild rather than pay me.
- You may choose to use either orphan blocks or other UFOs from your personal stash.
- You can check your local antique stores or eBay and search for something you like.

# We Heard You!

by Debra Warner

## Military Service Quilts for Sale

So many have asked for the opportunity to purchase a Military Service quilt for a veteran who does not meet our criteria for a free quilt. We heard you! We will be trying an experiment as part of our consignment section of the Marketplace for our February quilt show.

We will offer up to five Military Service quilts for bidding. Funds raised by this will be put directly back into our Military Services program. These funds will support purchase of additional fabric and batting.

Bid often and bid high!

## Silent Auction

by Joy Paugh and Sarah Reed

Thank you for your contributions to the Silent Auction. We have received around 26 items between the box donations and the gift card/certificates.

What happens at the end of the show? How do the Buyers receive their purchased Auction item? How do I get reimbursed for the postage cost?

The person that donated the item either marked Donor Pays Postage or Donor Does Not Pay Postage. In the event, your item was Donor Pays Postage you simply mail your item to the Buyer/winner. If your item was Donor Does Not Pay Postage, then the postage was included in the purchase amount. The Donor will go to the [RGVQG.com](http://RGVQG.com) website. Select FORMS on the left side of the screen. Select and Print the Rio Grande Valley Payment Voucher form. Mail the item. Receive a receipt from the Post Office. Fill out this form, attach the receipt and submit the form to Laurie Magee, 2021 Quilt Show Chairman. A check will be written to you for the postage amount.

In 4 weeks the Quilt Show begins, let's be ready!

# Wanted: Treasurer for 2022 Quilt Show

by Laural Powell, 2022 Quilt Show Chair

Even as we are in the sprint to the finish line of the 2021 Quilt Show, We are making preparations for the 2022 Quilt Show. Without volunteers we would not be able to hold our quilt show each year. We are currently looking for a volunteer to be the Quilt Show Treasurer. The sooner we find someone to volunteer for this position, the more help we can get them in getting started. Anyone interested can contact me at [quiltshow@rgvqg.com](mailto:quiltshow@rgvqg.com).

## Community Service

by Chris Cowan

	Items	Hours	Value
October 2020	114	966	\$7,003.50
November 2020 + 65 gift card	47	192.4	\$1,394.90
December 2020	41	70	\$507.50
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	202	1,188.4	\$8,970.90
Year 2020	3016	13,632.8	\$99,197.80

Wow, we have been a very generous group of talented people!! Thanks for all the hard work, our communities are surely benefitting and grateful.

The call is out for a volunteer to be an upcoming Quilt Show **Chairperson** for the **2023** or **2024 Quilt Show?** Volunteer NOW and you have awesome mentors prior to your own show and we contemplate not virtual, so send an e-mail to [president@rgvq.com](mailto:president@rgvq.com) text to 956-272-2377. If you know someone who would be an awesome Chairperson, nominate them and that person will be contacted. REMEMBER: There Can Be No QUILT Show Without A Chairperson! Let's Keep This Quilt Guild function ONGOING!

## New Year's Eve Party

by Diana Wolf

We had fun. It was a relaxing evening of companionship, conviviality, and conversations. Some even sewed. We played a few games and made some new friends. I hope you join us for the next party!

## Magic Valley Outreach

by Diana Wolf

Even though we cannot meet during the pandemic, the gals have been busy. One is making a t-shirt quilt on commission, one is stretching her piecing and quilting skills, another is busy with baby blankets. Another is making masks to sell. Your donations of fabric and supplies are so greatly appreciated.



Some members did not have and did not know how to thread a sewing machine. Now look how they have taken off! They are generating some much-needed income and learning new skills.



## Military Service

by Pam Manley and Lucy Klass

Happy New Year!

We are so excited that our Quilt Show is soon. Mike Hall and our Show Committee has put together a wonderful section highlighting our Military Service efforts will be showing some of our quilts and highlights from some of our presentations. We so appreciate all the supporting efforts by all the members. Thank you

We have distributed 129 quilts and 54 lap quilts in 2020. What a fantastic job!

Presently, we have 54 tops to be bundled and numerous quilt tops to be brought to a more uniform size. We still need and still appreciate our volunteers.

We do have enough finished quilts to meet nominations for presentations of these quilts.

If quilts need to be picked up or dropped off, please call Lucy Klass or Pam Manley to make arrangements.

## Sunshine and Shadows

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by Jackie Landon

Two cards were sent in January. One was sent to a new member Linda Burggraff from Snow and Sun Resort on the death of her grandson. The other one to Suzanne Brennan to encourage her in her healing of surgeries.

If you have any others in the Guild who need a card of encouragement, get well card, sympathy card, please send the person's name and a general statement to [shadows@rgvqg.com](mailto:shadows@rgvqg.com).

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## Retreat Message

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Membership Dues must be paid to attend the retreats. Check the website for any messages concerning either retreat.

Looking forward to a relaxing and fun time. SEE YOU THERE!!

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## Bee News

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## Honey Bees Quilting Group

by Jane Toss

The Honey Bees Quilting Group at Fun N Sun in San Benito have been very busy meeting every week via Zoom. Paula McCutchan led our group of socially distanced quilters to help us with the "Painted Desert" pattern from the "Not Your Grandmother's Log Cabin" book by Sara Nephew and Marci Baker. This was broadcast on Zoom for those that could not make it in person. This book features the 60-degree log cabin blocks. Kate Smith showed us how to paper piece miniature Christmas stockings. On New Years Day Carol White led a small group in making "Quick as a Wink" by Sweet and Simple, published by Martingale. This pattern featured 2.5" strips and 2" sashing. A variety of sizes were made.

## RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

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by Diana Wolf

Saturday, December 12, 2020

There were more than 64 persons in attendance and more than 32 were members. Quorum established.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Kathe Letulle, President. Because of the virtual quilt show, there will be no business meeting in February.

Our newly elected Treasurer screen shared the Treasurer's report which showed a December beginning balance of \$10,466.50, an ending balance of 14504.67 and an \$0.84 gain in savings from interest paid. The report was filed for audit.

The Secretary's minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the most recent newsletter.

Our Program Chair, Laural Powell presented Mary Kerr, an award-winning quilter, author and certified quilt appraiser. She shared an informative program with many photographs of vintage quilt blocks combined with modern quilting elements to make beautiful and innovative quilts. Her book, Twisted: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist gives many details about how to accomplish similar quilts. She provided many more details in her presentation to our Guild.

The three recently elected officers took their oath of office as part of their installation, Marty Morrison as Membership and First VP, Chris Cowan as Community Service and Third VP, and Mike Hall as Treasurer. Diane Tewell was congratulated and commended for her two years of service as our most recent Treasurer, and her concern and dedication to Guild. They will sign their Oath of Office and return the hard copy to the Secretary to be filed and maintained for two years after their term of service is ended.

The Guild now has 138 members for 2021, and expect more to join. Three of these are new members, Georgia Huffman, Jurene Gardner and Diane Minor. Marty Morrison stated dues must be current to attend the Guild's retreats. Marty wants us



to invite our friends from anywhere to join because using Zoom means someone can participate from anywhere.

The Quilt Show chair, Laurie Magee announced the flyers about the show were on the Facebook page and also the Guild website in pdf format. Members can share the flyer from either place and send it to their friends or other Guilds where they participate. She assigned sharing as homework for each member. She further suggested printing it out and taking it to your favorite quilt shops to see if they would post it. Sharing this information is a critical part of PR for the show this year. She also encouraged members to sign up for the workshops at the show. They primarily cover the material in the presenter's book, and will also include information about preservation and conservation of vintage textiles, a topic not often covered. There are some workshop openings now. Laurie has some blocks of vintage fabrics she is willing to share with potential students, just contact her about it.

Some small parts of the Show Board website are going live, such as a partial vendor list, a slide show and a gallery. These and other parts will become more robust soon. Today (*January 9*) is the last day to register quilts. Members could enter their very early quilts and their pictures in the category Quilt of the Future.

Laural Powell, program chair for the virtual show provided details about Mary Kerr's class, *Wonky Star*, will be from February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The class is \$40.00 and there are only 23 spots remaining available. If the class fills, a waitlist will be started. If there are eight or more on the waitlist, Mary Kerr will teach a second class of up to 23 students. Class signups are on [RGVQG.com](http://RGVQG.com), on the Programs page. Sign up soon to ensure your seat for the class. As the class is virtual, anyone can be anywhere and be a student.

Laural also shared a pdf copy of the quilt show flyer for any member to use.

The quilt entries from the pattern *Gypsy Wife* will be attempted to be grouped together.

Laurie also mentioned that Mike Hall had put together a slideshow that showcases the Guild,

some projects, and some members.

Joy Paugh mentioned that 26 boxes have come in for the Silent Auction. Six are certificates and other items are items for sale. One of the items is the opportunity Quilt, appraised at \$2100.00. Some select excess library books and perhaps some military service quilts will also be offered for sale. We have some and would welcome more consignment items. It does cost ten dollars for the first item, but there is no additional charge for additional items.

Kathe Letulle stated this quilt show is our biggest fundraiser, so she urged participation by all members.

Jackie Landon, the chair for *Sunshine and Shadows*, stated little activity at present. Please let her know of anyone who needs a card.

The Community Service chair, Chris Cowan, reported donations of hours by volunteers represented \$99,000.00.

Lucy Klass shared that Military Service had distributed over 150 quilts, and would be holding a bundling day soon. Contact her or Pam Manley if you need fabric to make military service quilts.

Retreat planning is finalized with a few more details to resolve with three people. Membership dues must be paid in full prior to attending. Karyn Heaney is resigning as she and her husband are relocating to North Carolina. Marty Morrison, Elaine Hall and Kathe will attempt to fill her shoes this year. She will be sorely missed.

Judy Brown requested Bees send articles about their activities to the newsletter before Monday.

Gail Steinbeck, hostess, announced the door prize winners, Patricia Sonnevil, Jo Corey, Mike Hall, Beth Braun, and Judy Blum. They will be mailed.

The cutoff to request a refund of a deposit for the *Friendship Star Retreat* is Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, and the deadline for *Bluebonnet Retreat* is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. If you do not go this year, signup for next year and you will be put on a waiting list for next year. The members going this year have first choice, and then the waiting list is taken in order.

## Newsletter Advertising

1/4 page \$25.00  
 1/2 page: \$50.00  
 Full page: \$100.00  
 Business Card \$10.00  
 Classified Ad: \$5.00 or 3-4 lines




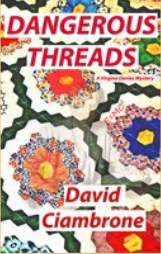
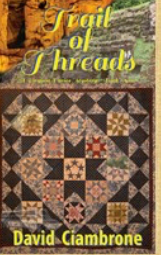

Deadline: Monday following meeting on second Saturday of the month to be included in our next monthly publication. February 2021 content is due by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Newsletter is posted 12 times each year. Paid advertisers may put one ad per month on our Facebook page at no cost.

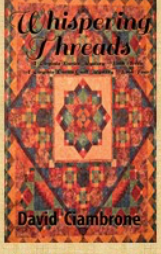

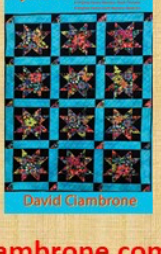
### Advertisements

## Virginia Davies



Beautiful and sexy Virginia Davies Clark a member of the Bee Hive Quilt Bee and Main Street Quilt Guild, is a curator at the Georgetown Museum in Texas. She's also a reserve Special Agent for the Smithsonian Central Security Service. Virginia and her friends go headlong into mysteries and adventures getting into more trouble than anyone should. She's a dynamic combination of Indiana Jones and Jessica Fletcher. She raises havoc and solves crimes in adventures that have nonstop action and are page turning thrillers.

## Quilt Mysteries

Available from Amazon.com      David Ciambrone      [www.davidciambrone.com](http://www.davidciambrone.com)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Renee's Quilting</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Services offered at a great price</p> <p>Edge to Edge      Custom and Semi Custom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free motion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Traditional Feather work</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Basting      Binding</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Let me help your quilt Sing today!</i></p> <p>1623 N Tower Road, Alamo TX      812-890-1572</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">Quilters This N That Korner</p> <p>Mercedes, Texas</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>100% Cotton Fabric Cotton and Wool Batting Notions</p> <p>1001 Segovia Llano Grande RV Resort Mercedes, TX 78570 (956) 272-2377 quilterstntkorner@gmail.com Kathè Letulle - Owner</p> <p><b>Call for an appointment</b></p> </div>
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