



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

President's Threads That Bind

by Kathe Letulle

TOGETHER we make a FAMILY! The Bees that are part of the Guild are awesome. Each Bee may go their own way in different directions, yet all their roots remain as one - Quilting. The program at the meeting was an awaking adventure. The three Bees that were highlighted, brought new perspective with ideas for all kinds of adventures. They all were open Bees and invitations to check them out was presented. Thanks to Jean Waufle, Diana Wolfe, Pat Cooper, Jan Baethke and Dale Shafer for an inspirational program.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting – it was so nice to see all again even if it was on Zoom. Let us keep the faith that we may begin meeting in person next season and everyone will be able to travel back to the Valley. Our Guild family has been separated far too long. Miss the hugs and personal contact.

Looking for project pictures for Show and Tell... Please send them to me at the email address below. I need the practice using the program that will be for more than 1 photo. Thanks in advance.

Be sure to go to the Museum in Harlingen to see the Paducah Quilts. Inspiration is all around those beautiful quilts.

I issued a challenge at the meeting. Every Guild member should participate. Here it is – communicate with a Guild member that you have not done so far in 2021. Let us see how far this can

go – and the smiles from all that communicating. Look up your member to communicate with in the Guild Membership on the website.


Read the newsletter, as committee reports will not be announced at the Zoom monthly meeting. We are trying to make the meeting interesting, inviting, and short. We can always catchup on the latest in the newsletter.

Have a blessed month!

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 - May 8th at 9 AM Central Time.

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

Blessings! Kathe - President@rgvqg.com
956-272-2377



May 8, 2021
RGVQG
Zoom
Meeting
9:00 AM

Watch for Zoom
link in email

Table of Contents

President's Threads That Bind	1
Membership Information.....	2
Treasurer Report	2
2021 Quilt Show Financial Report.....	3
Retreat.....	4
A Quilter's Day Out!	4
Bee News.....	4
Zooming for the Summer	4
2022 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show	5
Virtual Retreat?	7
Military Service.....	7
Academic Scholarship Awardees Zoom into a Fashionable Future	8
RGVQG General Meeting Minutes.....	9

Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

Remember, you can be a member of the Rio Grande Valley from anywhere, as we are meeting via Zoom. You can invite your friends to join us, they can register to be a guest at the monthly meeting.

If you haven't renewed your membership, now is the time. Your dues are part of the 2021 Budget. 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

The 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 up to date.

For 2021 there are 187 members. Since the last newsletter we "Welcome" the following **New**

Members & Returning Members:

Cristina Correa
Julie Hoholik
Sandy Shetler
Katherine Tillotson

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

If you need assistance, please contact Marty Morrison at membership@rgvqg.com.

Treasurer Report

by Mike Hall

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
Treasurer's March 2021 Report

Monthly Account Balances as of 3/31/2021

RGVQG Checking

Beginning Balance.....	\$16,060.86
Income	\$270.95
Expenses	\$1,533.50
Ending Balance	\$14,798.31

RGVQG Savings

Beginning Balance	\$33,160.82
Interest Income.....	\$0.84
Ending Balance	\$33,161.66

RGVQG Quilt Show

Beginning Balance.....	\$13,774.10
Income	\$997.67
Expenses.....	\$775.50
Ending Balance	\$13,996.27

RGVQG Retreat

	\$3,000.00
--	------------

2021 Quilt Show Financial Report on next page

2021 Quilt Show Financial Report

March 31, 2021

Expenditures

Opportunity Quilt Tickets	\$579.90
Opportunity Quilt Fabric	\$363.89
Opportunity Quilt Quilting	\$163.17
Quilt Pictures & Envelopes	\$69.34
Welcome Home Winter Texan Event	\$200.00
SPI Convention Center Deposit	\$4,950.00
Printer Ink	\$38.96
Port Isabel Storage	\$1,210.00
Weslaco Storage	\$81.00
SPI Chamber - Advertising	\$150.00
Host Gator	\$26.64
Host Gator	\$295.25
Host Gator	\$838.86
Host Gator	\$24.99
Quilt Show Program - Mary Kerr	\$600.00
Woo Auction Pro	\$119.00
Stripes & PayPal Fees	\$59.22
Consignment Sales.....	<u>\$175.50</u>
TOTAL	\$9,945.72

Adjustments

SPI deposit carry-over **	\$4,950.00
Host Gator Refunds	\$305.95
Welcome Home Refund	\$200.00

Total 2021 Show Expenditures\$4,489.77

** Per the SPI Convention Center, this deposit has been moved to the 2022 Quilt Show deposit.

2021 Show Income

Vendors	\$1000.00
Registrations	\$25.00
Consignment Fees.....	\$50.00
Program Classes	\$720.00
Donations	\$415.00
Auction Proceeds	\$1,787.00
Consignment Sales.....	<u>\$195.00</u>
Total Income	\$4,192.00

Net Totals

Expenditures	\$4,489.77
Income	\$4,192.00
Net Proceeds	(\$297.77)

Financial Effect of the RVGQG 2021 Virtual Quilt Show

2021 Expenses that would have been Incurred WITH or WITHOUT the Virtual Quilt Show:

Opportunity Quilt Tickets	\$579.90
Opportunity Quilt Fabric	\$363.89
Opportunity Quilt Quilting	\$163.17
Quilt Pictures & Envelopes	\$69.34
Printer Ink	\$38.96
Port Isabel Storage	\$1,210.00
Weslaco Storage	\$81.00
SPI Chamber - Advertising	<u>\$150.00</u>

Total Expenses WITHOUT Virtual Show

.....(\$2,656.26)

Income WITHOUT Virtual Quilt Show.....\$0.00

Net Proceeds WITHOUT Virtual Quilt Show

.....(\$2,656.26)

Actual Net Proceeds WITH Virtual Show

.....(\$297.77)

Net SAVINGS produced by the 2021 Virtual Show

.....\$2,358.49

Retreat

by *Kathe Letulle*

Friendship Star - March 14 - 18, 2022
BlueBonnet Friends - March 20 - 24, 2022

Those who had to cancel the 2021 retreat, now have an opportunity to attend the 2022 retreat. Print the Retreat Registration form on the Members Only Page of the Guild website (rgvqg.com) and mail your deposit of \$100 or full payment of \$300, your preference. Postmark deadline before the wait list begins is April 30, 2021. After that time, the retreat will be open to anyone.

We are looking forward to the retreats next year and loads of fun interacting with each other!!!

Elaine Hall, Marty Morrison, Kathe Letulle - Retreat Team

A Quilter's Day Out!

April 6 - May 25, 2021

If Quilts Could Talk:

ORR Family Across Five Generations
W K Gordon Museum
65258 Interstate 20 EZXIZT 367
Mingus, Texas
258-968-1886
www.tarleton.edu/gordoncenter/quilt-show.html

Cloth as Community:

HMONG Textiles in America
Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council
204 River North Blvd
Stephenville, Texas
254-965-6190
www.crosstimbersfinearts.org

Bee News



You can savor a cup of coffee in the morning, enjoy the aroma, the taste, and the warmth or coolness. You can watch a sunrise as the colors grow stronger, the birds start softly and then get louder, enjoy the gentle breeze across your skin. Each is enjoyable, but together, the experiences are more than the sum of the two experiences.

You can quilt, you can have friends, but when you have friends that quilt with you, wow!

If you want to start a Bee, or grow the one you have, let us know. We can help. We can help with Zoom, training for members of your Bee or how to have your Bee use Zoom. It is so nice to see faces from all over while you are safely at home, have conversations and share your creations. Zoom can cross state and international boundaries. Geography is not an issue. We want to see more of our Canadian friends. Pam Manley and Diana Wolf are in the process of contacting Bees, updating information and getting acquainted with your group. But, don't hesitate to call us if you would like us to help.

Zooming for the Summer

by *Diane Tewell*

Did you know just because you are leaving the Valley for the summer you can still "see" your Bee friends? Zoom travels with you! Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful service. Summer is a slow time for most of us, so take advantage! Have some "Sew A Long" meetings, how about sharing a new technique, or a demo sharing some of your favorite blocks or just a good ole chat session. The Guild zoom calendar has many open time slots. If you are a familiar zoom user or new to zoom and have questions or need help, just let me know and I will help you get started. Give me a call or email me at "zcoor@rgvqg.com"

Have a great summer and hope to see you Zooming soon!

2022 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

by Laural Powell

40th Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show Ruby Jubilee – Wizard of Oz February 18-19, 2022, South Padre Island Convention Centre

As this is the 40th Anniversary of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show, we are working extremely hard to have an in-person show, at the South Padre Island Convention Centre. Although it is the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild members that make our show so successful each year. So, we need everyone to be working on the projects for the show!

In this newsletter, we have listed the Challenge requirements and Categories for the show. The Categories include the Chairs Choice which this year is "Red & White Quilter's Delight". All the quilts in this category can be any pattern, any technique, with the provision that red and white are the only colors in the quilts.



We are also looking for some help. We are in search of a Bee to take on the Bargain Barn/Boutique. We are also seeking someone to take on a new position of Transportation Chair. This person will work with Parks and possibly a Bus Company to arrange mass transportation to South Padre Island for the Quilt Show.

I will continue to share information about the Quilt Show each month. We have some FUN stuff in the works. If you have any questions about any part of the Quilt Show, you can contact me at quiltshow@rgvqg.com.

Challenge

"There's No Place Like Home"

In celebration of the 40th (Ruby) Anniversary of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show, your challenge is to create WHAT HOME MEANS TO YOU!

The challenge should also include the following:

- Must have 1 ruby red fabric visible.
- Must have 1 ruby jewel or ruby slipper in your creation.
- While you may use any technique (pieced, appliquéd, foundation, paper piecing, etc.) you must include 2 embellishments—think buttons, ribbons, paint, colored pencils, etc.
- Be original—no kits please.
- Completed project can be any shape but may not exceed 240 inches in circumference.



Let your creative juices flow in these reflections of home, because as we all know...THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

Categories

These descriptions may be used to assist quilters in selecting categories to register their entries.

Quilters, please, be sure to fill out the quilt description areas on the description sheet. The maximum perimeter is 480 inches. Quilts with a total perimeter over 480" will NOT be accepted for this show.



(Continued next page)

WALLHANGINGS: This category includes ANY entry that is pieced, embroidered, appliquéd, whole cloth, hand and/or machine quilted specifically made to be hung on the wall. These quilts will be placed in one of the following subcategories based on their perimeter:

SMALL - Perimeter is less than 144 inches;

LARGE - Perimeter is greater than 145 inches and less than the maximum perimeter.

ART QUILTS: These must be an original design by the quilt maker. These may utilize multiple techniques, include embellishments, thread painting, beading, painting on fabric, photography on fabric, etc. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

MODERN QUILTS: These quilts generally have the following characteristics: Simplified, abstract design; Use of solid fabrics, bold colors, large prints; Negative space is very important in the overall composition; Improvisational piecing may be employed; Upcycled/recycled fabrics are often used; Quilting is restrained, often linear. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

BED QUILTS: These will be placed in one of the following subcategories based on their perimeter:

SMALL - Perimeter is less than 250 inches;

MEDIUM - Perimeter is greater than 250 inches and less than or equal to 325 inches;

LARGE - Perimeter is greater than 325 inches and less than the maximum perimeter.

HAND WORK: HAND quilted, embroidered, appliquéd, etc. Over 50% must be hand work. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

MACHINE WORK: Artistry of the machine quilting, machine embroidery, or machine appliquéd. Over 50% must be machine work. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

WEARABLE: Clothing, jackets, christening gowns, skirts, vests, and accessories such as purses, bags, totes, shoes, slippers and hats.

HOME DECOR: Placemats, table runners, potholders, dolls, fabric bowls, and children's toys such as play mats and bumper pads.

NOVICE: The first time an entrant has had a quilt in this show. Any quilting form is acceptable but must have 3 layers and be quilted, not tied. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

YOUTH: A youth quilter must be 18 years of age or younger and hadn't yet graduated from high school when the item was made. Their entry may match any of the above categories. A youth quilter may make a Challenge or Chair's Choice quilt, but it must be entered in that category.

CHALLENGE: "There's No Place Like Home" See 2022 Challenge Quilt Rules.

2022 CHAIR'S CHOICE: "Red and White Quilters' Delight" – Any size (as long as it is less than the maximum perimeter), any technique, any pattern, with the provision that red and white should be the only colors in the quilt.

Please address any questions to quiltshow@rgvqg.com.

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUTURE QUILT SHOWS??? If there is no Quilt Show Chairperson - THERE WILL NOT BE A QUILT SHOW for 2023 and 2024!!! Do you really want that!

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 an awesome mentor prior to your own show and we contemplate not VIRTUAL SO sent an e-mail to president@rgvq.com or text 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!

Virtual Retreat?

by Jan Baethke

Have you ever thought of doing a virtual retreat... with 300 people? From 7 different countries? And from 45 different states? Well, I did just this a few weeks ago given by a wonderful, international quilt teacher, Gudrun Erla ([About GE Designs](#) (gequilt designs.com) of GE Quilt Designs. [GE Quilt Designs - GE Designs](#)

The best things about a virtual retreat are: No need to drive for hours; Get to sleep in my own bed; If I forgot my sewing machine cord...it's easy to find; and anything else that I didn't think that I would need is close by. AND the best thing is...Everyone has a Front Row Seat during every demo or lecture!

We all worked on the same new pattern of Gudrun's with a demo before each step, we played Bingo, had a scavenger hunt, and were in Zoom's "Break-out" rooms to be able to get to know others in smaller groups of about 20 and Gudrun would visit to see if we had any questions. I met a quilter that now lives in my hometown in Minnesota. We plan to meet for coffee this summer when I'm back for a visit with family. Most all of the 300 retreaters are looking forward to Gudrun's next Virtual Retreat!

I have also done two Virtual Retreats that were given by The Minnesota Quilt Guild.

Military Service

by Mellie Peach

It's been a month of activity for "the newbie" on the Military Service Committee. We've been involved in taking inventories so that we know what we "have" and where it's "located." Thank you, Kathy Dunning for all the assistance and support. We know what's in the storage shed as of April 2, what's at ACC and at S2S. We know where 12 bundled quilts are that are being long-armed. MSQs were presented to veterans at Sandpiper Resort (3 this past month and 3 previously) by Karon Jacobson; 1 at Snow to Sun

and another at Weslaco's Daily Grind by Mellie Peach. 9 MSQs (2 were presented to retired VFW Post Commanders by Mellie and 7 will be presented by Lupita Perez, VFW Ambassador, and her assistants to qualified veterans), 25 wheelchair quilts were given to the Elsa VFW and 2 walker bags which totals 36 items of contribution to this organization on April 2. The wheelchair quilts and walker bags are being distributed to veterans in nursing homes. Lupita and her two associates have access to these homes and we currently do not. The ceremony presenting the two former post commanders their MSQs was followed by a presentation of an award to Mellie Peach for the RGVQG in appreciation for our beautiful quilt contributions, honoring the Heroes and Veterans of the Rio Grande Valley. Kathy Letulle has the plaque at this time and added the photo of it to this



newsletter.

Thankfully, Lucy Klass has been released from the rehab facility.

Totals presented: 17 MSQ's, 25 Wheelchair Quilts and 2 Walker Bags.

Academic Scholarship Awardees Zoom into a Fashionable Future

by Evelyn Fincher

For the first time in the history of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Academic Scholarship Committee (or its predecessor, the High School/College Scholarship Committee) the awards were presented via Zoom at the April 10, 2021, meeting.

Carla Guzman, a senior at Sharyland High School, Mission and Rosario Garcia, a senior at The Art Institute of San Antonio received the 2021 scholarship award letters for \$1,000 each. They were selected by the Academic Scholarship Committee and approved by the Guild Board.

The criteria for selection are based on printed Guild guidelines and state that the applicant must be a graduating high school senior and plan to attend college and major/minor in "the arts related to textiles, including fashion, designing pattern making, study of materials, dyes, color, and other textile-related studies". In the event there are no qualified high school senior applicants for the scholarships, former awardees who are attending college and plan to continue their studies according to Guild guidelines may apply for consideration. Participation in extracurricular activities and grade point average are also considered.

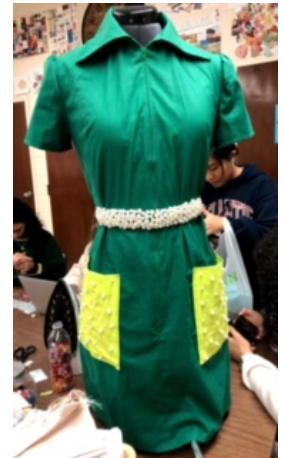
Evelyn Fincher, Academic Scholarship Committee Chairperson, introduced Guzman and Garcia.

Guzman then shared her plans to attend South Texas College, McAllen, where she will complete college basics and then transfer to a university to pursue a Fashion Merchandising degree. In her application Guzman stated that she chose this major "because it offers valuable knowledge about the fashion industry that will prepare me for my dream job which is to work in a fashion magazine." She wants to use fashion as a platform "that inspires young people to make a difference."



Carla Guzman - with mother, Mireya Perales, and father, Juan Carlos Guzmán

She sent a "selfie" and a photo of her design for a FCCLA fashion design and construction competition. Guzman's parents, Mireya Perales and Juan Carlos Guzman were unable to attend.



(Continued next page)

Rosario Garcia will receive a Bachelor's degree in Fashion Design from The at Art of San Antonio in September. She continues to teach others the art of sewing and is an active promoter of RGVQG programs and activities. This is her third RGVQG scholarship award.

"Together with my passion for creating innovative designs, I hope to one day reach my goal of becoming a strong and imaginative designer, creating fashion for today and the future," Garcia stated. She introduced her parents, Adolfo and Guadalupe Garcia, her sister and two brothers. She said wherever she goes next, they will go with her!



Rosario Garcia with her family

Both students expressed their gratitude to the Guild members for the scholarship awards.

Each recipient received a scholarship award letter prior to the meeting. Fincher explained the procedure for receipt of their award check.

Even though the Zoom presentation format was new to the Guild, Guzman and Garcia are experienced in the online lifestyle and will continue to Zoom their way into successful "fashionable" futures!



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

by *Diana Wolf*

Saturday, April 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by the President, Kathe Letulle.

A quorum was established.

The Treasurer, Mike Hall, presented the Guild financial report. There were no questions and it was filed for audit.

Diana Wolf stated the minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter and asked for corrections or additions. There were none for the March General meeting. Mike Hall noted the Treasurer's report for February had a typo, and requested a correction to the beginning balance of the savings account. It stated \$33,160.82 and should have stated \$33,160.06 cents. The correction to the February 2021 Treasurer's report will be made and resubmitted to the webmistress. The Secretary's report for this month was approved as printed.

Laural Powell, Show Committee, is very much hoping for an in-person quilt show. She shared the theme, There's No Place Like Home: the challenge requirements, and the show categories for quilt entries. She will be posting this to the Guild Facebook page and making it available in other ways. Bonnie Hall stated it was already on the Guild website on the Quilt Show page. Laural requested if you notice a friend in the Guild not on the call today, to please call them with this news.

Kathe Letulle made the group aware that the Guild has no chairperson for the Quilt Show after our upcoming show. We try to have three chairpersons, a current and two future chairs. She requested volunteers for these positions, or there will not be a Quilt Show. She stated Laural is providing a good example for a future show chair because currently

Laural is having to plan for either scenario, virtual or in-person.

Mike Hall, Show Treasurer, presented the ending financials from the most recent Quilt Show. The total expenditures by the Show Board were \$4,489.77. Income was \$4,192.00. The resulting net expenses show a negative balance of \$297.77. However, he explained, without the Virtual Show, the Show Committee would have incurred fixed expenses of \$2,656.26, so the Show Committee saved the Guild money. When taking his figures from the negative income from this year's show, less the negative figures of fixed overhead typically spent, this results in a savings of \$2,358.49 of money not spent. He highly praised the Virtual Show committee headed by Laurie Magee for the extensive time and effort put into the show.

Evelyn Fincher, the Academic Scholarship chair, presented this year's scholarship winners, Carla Guzman and Rosario Garcia. An award letter was mailed to each recipient telling them how to receive the scholarship funds from the Guild.

Carla Guzman is a graduating senior from Sharyland High School student going into textile related studies in college, and plans to eventually study fashion merchandising.

Rosario Garcia, is going into her senior year at The Art Institute of San Antonio Her family was with her for the presentation. The scholarship funds covered the cost of many of her classes. She will graduate from the Art Institute in September, and plans to pursue a Master's degree in business administration.

Our Program chair, Jean Waufle, introduced the leaders of three Bees. The online list of the Bees in the Valley is being updated to current information. This can be found on the Members Only page presently. Pat Cooper shared about the newest Bee, Fiber Arts Unlimited using a colorful and interesting slide show. Jan Bathke told about the Killer Bees, and Dale Shafer talked about the Row Quilters. Diana Wolf talked about the benefits of a Bee

belonging to the Guild, and the Guild benefits of having Bees.

The committee and officer reports will appear in the newsletter, so please read it.

Show and Tell entries were a total of one. Marty Morrison sent a picture of a quilt titled Four Patch Expanded which uses an improv technique taught at one of our recent quilt shows.

Evelyn Fincher would like to pass on the responsibility of Academic Scholarship. Kathe thanked her for a task well done throughout the years.

The President issued a challenge to each member to call at least one other member they have not talked to yet this year. She wants feedback in May regarding how this went and how you and the other person felt about the call.

Door prize winners were announced as Karon Jacobson, Marcy Ziepke, Garnett Weaver, Diane Tewell and Terry Davis.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Wolf, Secretary.

Send your May articles by May 10th to:
newsletter@rgvqg.com

Advertisement



**100% Cotton Fabric
Cotton and Wool Batting
Notions**

1001 Segovia
Llano Grande RV Resort
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 272-2377
quilterstntkorner@gmail.com
Kathè Letulle - Owner

Call for an appointment