

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

# President's Threads That Bind

Well, we have had a real taste of Fall in Michigan today and there are even some trees turning colors. I know Texas will still be hot when I get home.

I had the opportunity to go to the AQS show in Grand Rapids, Michigan in August. I had a friend who had never been to a quilt show before attend with me and it was fun to see her reaction to everything. She was amazed at so many of the quilts. The quilts were beautiful, but I have to say the quality of the quilts in our show is comparable. We have so many talented quilters in our guild. I even managed to not buy any fabric; however, I did buy a few other things. I handed out our show information to some prospective vendors.

Well, keep stitching.

Marsha Santow

# Sunshine and Shadows

by Kathe Letulle

Two Sympathy cards were sent out this month. If you know of any Guild Member that needs a Sunshine card or a Sympathy card, please email name and address to: sunshine@rgvqg.com

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## Facebook

by Laural O'Brien

If you are a new or returning Guild Member, be sure to look up the Guild Facebook Group, <u>Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild</u> and request to join, if you haven't already.

This Group is a great way to stay connected with other Guild Members and up-to-date on Guild activities

Also check out the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show page, on Facebook, for ongoing updates on the Quilt Show.

# <u>NEW MEETING</u> LOCATION !!!

Thanks to the efforts of Maria Anita Pineda & Josie McVey, the Guild has arranged for new meeting locations for upcoming in-person monthly meetings. The November 12, 2022, January 14, 2023, & February 4, 2023 meetings will be held in the auditorium and meeting room of the Mayor Eugene A Braught Memorial Theatre, which is adjacent to the City of Weslaco Public Library, located at 525 South Kansas Avenue in Weslaco. The Guild's Friendship Day meeting on December 10, 2022 & the Rummage Sale meeting on March 11, 2023, will be conducted in the gymnasium of the City of Mercedes Dome Recreation Center, located at 202 N Vermont Ave.

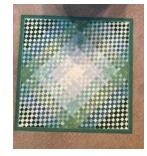
The Weslaco Library is one block east of Texas Blvd & three blocks south of Business 83. The Dome is approximately three blocks north of the Interstate on Vermont in Mercedes.

## Schoolhouse Classes

by Debbie Williams

Schoolhouse classes will be taking place the first Saturday of most months this winter at the Pharr South Activity Center. The classes will start at 9:00am and end at 3:00pm. You may bring a lunch, or go out for lunch. The fee for members is \$20 per class. For non-members, an additional \$30 is charged for the membership fee.

On **November 5th**, we will start off with an 18×18" Woven Panel class facilitated by Debbie



Williams. There are detailed instructions on what to bring for the class...and what to prepare ahead of class so that you will be ready to begin weaving at the start of the class. No sewing machine is required for this class, but

you will need a machine to finish off your project at home. Debbie is providing your board, prepped with the weaving diagram, as well as instructions for completing a table topper or decor pillow with your completed panel.

Some seats are still available...so be sure to sign up online soon if you are interested.

On **December** 3rd, Nancy Schmitz will be leading the Schoolhouse class for her Paper Pieced Table Runner. Nancy will be providing the foundation paper for the paper pieced blocks as well as all instructions needed for completing this attractive table runner. The material list



provides material needed for a 3 panel table runner, but you can easily add more blocks if you prefer a longer runner. Nancy is encouraging attendees to consider doing the runner in holiday colors...and you might even want to make several for gifts!

Seats are still available....but you won't want to wait too long to sign up for this class online.



On **January 7th**, Paula McCutchen is going to be sharing her talents at making an amazing Cork

Wallet. She has adapted her wallet pattern to have more generous pockets for credit

cards. In the material list she allows various weights of cork fabric. But she will be bringing a stabilizer to use if your cork is a fairly light weight. Paula will help you determine if that is necessary.

Seats are still available, but I anticipate this to be a popular class. So don't hesitate too long to sign up online

# Membership Information

by Marty Morrison

### Membership information

You can be a member of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild 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. You can join or renew your membership for 2022. The annual dues are \$30.00.

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

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 that has changed, so the Guild Directory can be updated.

Be sure to print the email that is sent to you with your membership number, the password information to access the "Members Only" and Guild Directory information. The email will be your proof of membership.

For the 2022 membership we currently have 257. Since the last newsletter we want to "Welcome" the following New & Returning Members:

Glenna Lou Nelson Esperanza Rocha

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild web page is <a href="https://www.rgvqg.com">www.rgvqg.com</a>

Please email Marty at <a href="membership@rgvqg.com">membership@rgvqg.com</a> if you need assistance.

## Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

Are you or any of your friends ready to attend a Guild Retreat. With Four to a condo, fun, fun, fun! And did I mention the food is outstanding. Everyone is willing to assist any attendee with their project. There are quilt shops to visit and quilt shops give demos to attendees.

Friendship Star - March 13-17, 2023 with only 6 openings - no wait list Deposit is \$100.00 with Remaining retreat fee of \$200.00 is due December 10, 2022. Absolutely no refunds after February 21, 2023.

Bluebonnet Friends - March 19-23, 2023 - retreat full - waitlist. Remaining retreat fee due January 11, 2023. Absolutely no refunds after February 28, 2023.

Anyone can sign up for Friendship Star Retreat immediately with openings and immediately sign up to be on the waitlist for the Bluebonnet Friends Retreat or go directly to the waitlist of any retreat. In the past, everyone that was on any wait list has had a chance to attend that particular retreat.

The registration forms for retreats are on the Guild website (<u>rgvqg.com</u>) within Members Only under RETREAT.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

So, sign up, join us and have an adventure.

Blessings, Kathe Letulle 956-272-2377 retreat@rgvqq.com

#### 2nd Annual Texas Foster Youth High School Graduates of 2023



Volunteers are needed to make 600 quilts, zipper pouches, drawstring totes, and more. These items will be given to the youth when they graduate from high school.



Sign Up at www.daylbags.org, click on "Do you sew?"

#### **Quilt Instructions:**

- Happy Colors, Minimal Floral
- Please keep in mind that the high school seniors select their own quilts • no specific pattern but please make and all styles and colors are welcome.

#### Size Dimensions:

- Quilt Size 63" W x 87" L (+-5%)
- Width 60"-66"
- Length 84"-91"
- Allow for shrinkage

#### Matching Pillowcase:

Standard 21" wide x 26" long

#### ■ Zipper Pouch Instructions:

- Happy Colors and Designs ■ Size Dimensions:
  - sure they are lined and we request pouches 8"x10" or larger

## Drawstring Totes

- · Made with 36" Cotton Fabric
- 2 55" Bonnie Braided Macrame Hand or Machine Quilted with batting
   Craft Cord - 6mm (Black, white, tan)
   Finished 33" L x 20" W

## Sponsor a Class of 2023 High School Senior - Quilt Gift

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild is sponsoring twin + pillowcase quilt sets for 15 Foster Care high school seniors that will graduate in the Class of 2023. We need our members to help make the quilt sets.

If you need help getting the guilt guilted, please contact one of the following:

Bonnie Hall, bonniemhall@gmail.com,

740-398-1629

Carla Mewhinney, cjmewhi@gmail.com,

575-706-1759

Elaine Hall, quiltedcatz@hotmail.com,

806-570-3786

You will need to provide backing and batting at least 8 inches wider and 8 inches longer than the width and length of the top.

I, Bonnie Hall (AKA the Hat Lady), will be coordinating the collection and delivery of the quilts and pillowcases. Let me know right away if you can make a set, bonniemhall@gmail.com. You

can bring the completed set(s) to me at one of the guild meetings, or the quilt show, or my home in Pharr

## Amazon Smile Contributions to Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild

AmazonSmile is a way customers can support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon, at no additional cost. Customers who shop at smile.amazon.com will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the eligible purchase price to the charity of your choice.

How to sign up for AmazonSmile

How to use AmazonSmile on a web

browser: Visit smile.amazon.com

- 1. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
- 2. Select your charity (Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild)
- 3. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.
- 4. Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

- 1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
- 2. Navigate to the main menu (=)
- 3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
- 4. Select your charity (Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild) and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
- 5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for your charity.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com/onthego">smile.amazon.com/onthego</a> to learn more.

## Give with Bing

Another way to support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD is through <u>Give with Bing</u>

Microsoft Rewards lets you support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD through its Give with Bing program. After signing up and selecting our organization, you can earn rewards points just for searching the web with Bing. Microsoft then turns those points into cash donations to us.

The program is free--you just need to sign up with a Microsoft account. As of May 2021, Microsoft Rewards has donated more than [\$6.5 million] to nonprofits around the world.

# Join now <u>RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD</u> (Give with Bing)

http://www.bing.com/give

Microsoft Edge uses Bing. You can also get the Bing app for iPad, iPhone and Android. Please call Bonnie, 740-398-1629, if you need help setting up Give with Bing.

# Military Service Quilts

. by Lucy Klaas

Evelyn Fincher has accepted a position on my committee for the following year. If anyone needs a quilt during the summer, please contact Kathy Dunning at Alamo Country Club.

Hopefully, several of the summer scrap blocks will be made and donated. From the Block a Day calendar, they are Goose Creek, June 11<sup>th</sup>; July 4<sup>th</sup> on July 4<sup>th</sup>; Milky Way on July 19<sup>th</sup> and Double Tic Tac Toe, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Can be made as shown as 8" block or upsized to 12". Continue using red, white or beige, and blue

## RGV Quilt Show

Co-chairs Laural Powell and Debi Warner

## 2023 Show "Under the Sea"



# February 10-11, 2023

At the August meeting, the Quilt Show Board voted to have ballot voting at the quilt show end at the end of the day on Friday. This way the Ballots & Ribbons Committee can hang the ribbons before the quilt show opens on Saturday morning. So you will be able to vote for your favorites on Friday, then coming in on Saturday and see which quilts received ribbons. Additionally if one of your entries received a ribbon, you can have your picture taken with the quilt and ribbon while it is still hanging at the quilt show.



## Ask Oggie

If you have a question about the Quilt Show you can send an email to Ask Oggie at quiltshow@ravag.com.

This month, Oggie got two questions about the 2023 Quilt Show.

Ann asked: When will we be able to register quilts for the quilt show?

Answer: On-line registration is open now on the Guild website at rgvqg.com.

https://form.jotform.com/rgvquiltguild/2023-rgvqs-quilt-registration

Jane asked: Will we be able to have quilts appraised at the next quilt show?

Answer: Yes, Allison Rainboth will be back at the 2023 Quilt Show to do quilt appraisals. If you have a quilt you would like appraised you can register on-line at rgvqg.com.

https://form.jotform.com/rgvquiltguild/rgvqg-quilt-show-appraisal-registra

#### 2023 QUILT SHOW HOTELS

Hotel	Rate	Telephone	Group Code	Includes
Best Western Beachside Inn 4500 Padre Blvd	\$129.00 2 Queen Beds	956-761-4919	Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show	Breakfast
Comfort Inn & Suites 912 Padre Blvd	\$90.00 2 Queen Beds	956-772-9020	Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show	Breakfast
Hilton Garden Inn 7010 Padre Blvd	\$194.00 2 Queen Beds	956-761-8700	Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show	
La Quinta by Wyndham 7000 Padre Blvd	\$100.00 2 Queen Beds	956-772-7000	CGRGQS	Breakfast
Ramada by Wyndham 6200 Padre Blvd	\$59.00 Thurs \$79.00 FriSat. 2 Queen Beds	956-299-2481	Contact quiltshow@rgvqg for reservation code	Continental Breakfast
The Inn at South Padre 1709 Padre Blvd	\$59 2 Queen Beds	956-761-5658	RGV Quilt Show	Grab & Go Breakfast

\*Price is per night

## QUILT SHOW - SILENT AUCTION

by Debbie Williams

We will be doing the Silent Auction again for the 2023 Quilt Show on the island. Last year we were very successful auctioning off handmade items and relevant services. Best sellers from last year:

- \* 4 rounds of golf
- \* hand made quilt throw size
- \* cherry swing arm quilt rack
- \* Poppins bag
- \* landscape painting

I need your help. Please reach out to those you know that have talents that are willing to share. I'd love to have a stain glass piece, original artwork, wooden items, especially items that would be of interest to quilters. If you have an idea you'd like to discuss, please reach out to me. My contact information is 479-899-3072 or <a href="mailto:debrichwill@gmail.com">debrichwill@gmail.com</a>.

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN! The 2023 RGVQG SHOW IS ONLY 6 MONTHS AWAY



## Totes N More is

calling y'all to help us with Amazing, Creative, Unique, Yada Yada Totes for the Show. The donations last year were awesome.....and I know y'all will outdo yourselves again this year!

Past top sellers are Chocolate bag, Gnomes (with a surprise inside), Wizard of Oz (last years Theme), Rulers, coordinating Fabric, and Christmas and other Seasonal Totes and Beach Bags, and the always popular Doll Bed!

Suggestions, Spa Bag, Man's Bag, Golf Bag, Baby bag, endless possibilities. Put on you thinking caps and let's make this the best Totes and More Ever!! With your help it can happen.

Thanks, Mary and Donna

## <u>Programs</u>

By Jan Rondeau

Our September program was a time spent sharing our most recent quilting related talent/ product. Quilting is an ever evolving experience that allows us to learn from each other.

Our October program will be Panel Palooza. Cyndi McChesney, of Bella Vista, AR, will take us on a journey working with different styles of panels, where to find design ideas, and how to make the most of the panels you love.

In November we will be joined by Mary Mayfield from the Tanzanian Angel Project. Mary will have a trunk show of hand dyed batiks, showing the process and the people whose lives are changed by the Project. Mary will also be teaching a class making one of a kind angel blocks that can be turned into table runners or wall hangings, using the hand dyed batiks. The class will use pre-cut kits and offer unique finished products. You won't want to miss this.

The website has been updated with the upcoming programs. It will continue to be updated as additional information is available.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Prices do not include Sales or Occupancy Taxes

## Bee News



## Queen City Bees Buzzzzzz By Anita Pineda

A new Bee colony has been built within the RGVQ Guild! We are the Queen City Bees building our hive within the Mid-Valley area. We are starting out with 10 members. Some of us are already Guild members and introducing nonmembers to the Guild and encouraging them to join the Guild. Most new members are beginning sewers and guilters. Our first meeting took place on August 21, 2022, with a full agenda. We discussed and decided on our bee name and meeting date(s) and times. Member information sheets were passed out and filled out by members. The Guild members, knowing the Guild upcoming events, introduced, and discussed two main Guild issues: 1) the monthly Guild meeting place/location and 2) Friendship Day. It was voted to assist the Guild in acquiring a meeting place and volunteer to organize Friendship Day if the Guild Board accepts our assistance. Queen Bee Anita and Chair Bee Josie were instructed to contact the Guild with the offer on finding a monthly person to person meeting place and organizing Friendship Day. The Guild Board did accept the Queen City Bees site suggestion(s) for both events and are now working on the final or fine details on acquiring/securing the suggested sites. Show & Tell took place with each member introducing themselves and showing their wares. Gabby showed quilts made from blocks family members donated to the Cornea Transplant Foundation. She requested for the Guild members to inquire about displaying these "memorial" quilts at the quilt show. The request will be made to the Quilt Show Chairperson. Some of the Bees suggested that maybe the Guild would be interested in a Cornea transplant presentation as a program during one of the meetings. The suggestion will be given to the Guild. Other Bees "showed" their creations to the rest of the colony.

The <u>Wanna Bees</u> meet every second and fourth Sunday of the month. The contact person is Adela H. Saldana and can be reached at 956-975-9349 or email at <u>adelahsaldana@hotmail.com</u>. This Bee meets at various places and is a closed Bee.

CALLING ALL BEES- September is here and it is time to consider participating in the Imagination Station at the Quilt Show! Have your BEE demonstrate a project, then provide kits for the attendees to purchase and make at home.

REMEMBER YOUR BEE will keep all money. So this is a great opportunity for your bee to meet others and at the same time help your bee get some extra cash.

So far we have:
Killer Bees- turtle mops
Pharr Bee it- magic open boxes
Honey Bees- Chenille hot pads
Contact Paula McCutchan to register your bee,
317-874-8963
paulamccutchan442@msn.com

Row Quilters at Alamo Country Club meet on Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm in the View Room at Alamo Country Club and welcome everyone. The group is smaller during the Summer, but we still have a great time. Some of the ladies have been working on their projects. Others have been binding Military Service quilts and making tops also.

# Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Another slow reporting month, I'm sure more has been done by all the wonderfully generous guild members! Let me know so we can get credit given where credit is due!

## **Treasurer Report**

**Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild** Treasurer's August 2022 Report Monthly Account Balances as of 8/31/2022

#### **RGVQG Checking**

**Beginning Checking Account Balance** \$20,291.32 Income

2022 Membership Dues \$60.00 Donation – Paypal Giving Fund \$3.00

Donation - Military Service Quilts \$31.00

\$100.00 **Newsletter Advertising** 

Nov Program Class Registration \$85.00

Nov-Dec-Jan Schoolhouse Registrations \$80.00

\$359.00 \$359.00

Expense

Paypal Transaction fees (\$13.99)

(\$13.99) (\$13.99)

**Paypal Account Balances** 

July 31, 2022 transferred to checking \$131.94

Aug 31, 2022 held by Paypal

\$35.90 \$35.90

\$20,672,23 **Ending Checking Account Balance** 

August 31, 2022 Paypal Account Balance \$96.04

Total Available Funds - Checking + Paypal accounts \$20,768.27

**RGVQG Savings** 

**Beginning Balance** \$33,174.96 Interest Income \$0.85 **Ending Balance** \$33,175.81

#### **RGVQG Quilt Show**

**Beginning Checking Account Balance** \$19,361.07

Income

Vendor Registrations \$860.00

**Quilt Appraisal Registrations** \$100.00

\$960.00 \$960.00

**Expenses** 

**Paypal Transaction Fees** (\$21.57)Website Domain Renewal (\$18.99)Miscellaneous - Admissions (\$171.75)Port Isabel Storage Unit Rental (\$1,512.00)

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August 31, 2022 Paypal Account Balance (\$465.06)

**Ending Checking Account Balance** Total Available Funds - Checking + Paypal accounts \$18,596.76

RGVQG Retreat \$3,000.00

## Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

For October we'll continue to make blocks for Military Service quilts. It's Double Tic Tac Toe, June 8th on the Block a Day Calendar, red, white or beige and blue as shown. You can make them 8" as shown or upsize to 12" like my sample.



Hopefully at the November meeting we will get many blocks from the July - October patterns: Goose Creek, June 11th; July 4th on July 4th; Milky Way, July 19th and Double Tic Tac Toe, June 8th

## Do You Want to Judge Quilts?-

Dear Rio Grande Valley Quilters,

I have attached information describing the Two-Day Introduction to Quilt Judging Seminar that I will be co-teaching with Pat Harrison October 10-11, 2022 in Missouri City, TX. Would you kindly share this information with members that might be interested in our seminar?

These seminars occur a few times per year in a variety of locations across the country, as demand requires. There are currently 51 NACQJ certified judges. Given that there are far more shows per year than the number of judges, we would like to interest more quilters in becoming judges! Seminars can be requested from any of the seven qualified instructors. We are always looking for additional venues. You might like to take a look at our website at

### Judging Seminars (nacqj.com)

Thank you!

Beverly Fine

National Association of Certified Quilt Judges' Qualified Instructor



# RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

## RGVQG General Meeting

September 10, 2022

There were 40 members present establishing a quorum.

Marsha Santow called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Marsha turned the meeting over to the program chair, Jan Rondeau, for her presentation on Tips and Hints for us quilters. Several members had some very good hints. Our speaker next month is Cyndi McChesney. She will be presenting a program on panel quilting. November will be The Tanzanian Angel Project by Mary Mayfield, December will be Friendship Day, January will be by Randi York, no program in February because of the quilt show, which is one week earlier, March will be the garage sale, and April will be Suzi Parron telling us about barn quilts.

Mike Hall introduced the two guild members who have volunteered to chair our Friendship Day, Maria Anita Pineda and Josie McVey. They have found us a morecentral location for our guild to meet during the winter season! We will be meeting at the Weslaco Library. We cannot have Friendship Day or our Garage Sale Day at this location, so they found us a place to hold these two events at also. These will be held at the Dome in Mercedes. Schoolhouse classes will be at Pharr South. Jan stated that she needs a place for her November Program Class. If anyone has any ideas please let Jan Rondeau know.

Treasurer's report was put on file for audit. Secretary's report will be filed as printed. Committee Reports:

Quilt Show Chair Laural Powell - she has the hotels lined up and will be posting them on our quilt show Facebook page and on our website. She has gotten several venders lined up and is hoping for more as the date gets closer. The forms are on our website to register quilts for the show and to volunteer to work. The volunteer list will also be available at our meetings starting in November. There are no other committee reports. Marjorie Wold, Josie McVey, Fran Wessels, Marjorie Lehman, and Maria Anita Pineda won door prizes.

Mike Hall told us about the Block of the Month. Use the block featured on June  $8^{th}$ , make it red, white, and blue because they will be used for military service quilts.

Mike Hall presented items for Show and Tell. Judy Blum had several small quilts to share. She stated that these are items made for charity.

Marsha Santow mentioned a planning session with the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce coming up on October 18th. She is planning to attend, and she says the session is open to anyone in the guild and we are a member of the Chamber. She will be giving us updates on when and where it will be. Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

Secretary, Lila Helm

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

#### Guidelines for Article Submission:

- Digital format is preferred
- Please Include a "headline" or header for your article and your name with any other contact information
- Pictures, graphics including clip art preferred in .jpeg, .jpg, .gif or .png

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