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President's Threads That Bind

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope the holidays were great for everyone and that you didn't get stuck in an airport somewhere. I flew to Phoenix to spend Christmas with my oldest daughter and fortunately did not have a problem. I found a huge fabric store there that both my daughter and I enjoyed. I bought enough fabric that she has to ship mine to me along with a new purse she is making for me. She is my purse maker. Our program today was wonderful, and I enjoyed it. I like that Randi York emphasized that we should never compare our work with other quilters' work because we are all at different stages of quilting. We all progress at different rates and do different things. We just need to enjoy the journey. Keep stitching.

Marsha Santow

Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon

If you know of those 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 sunshine and shadows@rgvgq.com.

Five cards were sent this month.

NEW MEETING LOCATION !!!

The <u>February 4, 2023</u> meeting will be held in the Mayor Eugene A Braught Memorial Theatre, which is adjacent to the City of Weslaco Public Library, located at 525 South Kansas Avenue .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.

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by Laural O'Brien

If you are a new or returning Guild Member, be sure to look up the Guild Facebook Group, Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild 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.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Debbie Williams

For February the class is moved to the 3rd Saturday, to accommodate the Quilt Show. Schoolhouse class scheduled for the first Saturday in March due to a scheduling conflict will be on the last Tuesday in February. All classes will take place from 9am to 3pm, at Pharr South Activity Center. Bring a lunch if you prefer to stay in and continue working on your project. There are also restaurants close if you want to take a break during lunch. The class fee for members is \$20 per class. For non-members, the \$30 membership fee will also be charged



Saturday, February 18th, Jean Waufle will share her extensive skills in Wool Embroidery. Jean Waufle has selected a Needle Case for the class project, since it is a handy tool if you find that you enjoy this handwork. The class will be up on the website for registration shortly, so

be sure to sign up while there is availability. The



supply list will provide all materials needed to complete the needle case. But since wool is not available in the valley, if you need the wool, Jean will be making it available for purchase at class. For the materials needed for the project, she thinks the cost will be around \$20.

Tuesday, February 28th, Bonnie Hall will be



leading the
Schoolhouse
class on making a
Project
Bag. What
quilter doesn't
need a project
bag, or two, or
three? These
handy bags are
perfect for

carrying projects to class or retreat. Information

for this class will be up on the website for registration shortly, so be sure to sign up while there is availability. A supply list will be provided,



and you will need to purchase the pattern, which Kathe Letulle will have available at her shop for \$8.00.

If you have any questions, please contact me at either 479-899-3072 or debrichwill@gmail.com. Thank you!

Membership Information

by Marty Morrison and Debbie Williams

HAPPY NEW YEAR! A special "Welcome" to Debbie Williams, the new Membership chair. I have enjoyed being the Membership Chair for the past 4 years and will continue to assist when necessary.

At the January meeting, we had 107 members in attendance and 13 on Zoom. There were 8 visitors, and 2 of those visitors did join the Guild. Welcome to Carolyn Racine and Barbara Wilde.

The 2023 Membership year has begun - this also means changes - with the new location for the meetings, we can only accept cash (\$30) in a sealed envelope with your name, address, phone, and e-mail address or you can still write a check. Of course, the effortless way is to renew on-line. 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 quest at the monthly meeting. The annual dues are \$30.00.

Just click on the link below:

https://form.jotform.co/rgvquiltquild/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. To update the Guild Directory, please provide any personal information that has changed.

Be sure to print the email that will be provided 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.

At each monthly guild meeting, the sign-in sheets will list only the names of individuals that have paid their yearly dues. So if your name is not on the sheets, then you know you will need to renew your membership at the meeting.

Already for 2023 we have 165 members. The 2022 membership was 257.

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

Please email Debbie Williams at membersship@rgvgg.com if you need assistance.

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Look for me on our webpage! Click on me and I'll take you to the Members Only page. Remember what I am. I'm also the keeper of the directories. Please



add a two-digit year to open a directory.

Sponsor a Class of 2023 High School

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Senior -Quilt Gift

The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild is sponsoring twin + pillowcase quilt sets for 15 Foster

Care high school seniors

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 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
- Hand or Machine Quilted with batting Matching Pillowcase: Standard 21" wide x 26" long

■ Zipper Pouch Instructions:
■ • Happy Colors and Designs

Size Dimensions:

 no specific pattern but please make sure they are lined and we request pouches 8"x10" or larger

Drawstring Totes

 Made with 36" Cotton Fabric • 2 - 55" Bonnie Braided Macrame

Craft Cord - 6mm (Black, white, tan)

Finished 33" L x 20" W

that will graduate in the Class of 2023. We need our members to help make the quilt sets.

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 a guild meeting, the quilt show, or my home in Pharr.

If you need help getting the quilt quilted, please contact one of the following:

Bonnie Hall, <u>bonniemhall@gmail.com</u>, 740-398-1629 Carla Mewhinney, <u>cjmewhi@gmail.com</u>, 575-706-1759 Elaine Hall, <u>quiltedcatz@hotmail.com</u>, 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.

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

Want to have fun, sew, great food, plenty of area quilt shops to visit, and friendship - then come along with us to retreat!

Here is everything you ever wanted to know about the Guild Retreats

- The retreats are so much fun and the friendships formed are awesome. Everyone is willing to assist in any quilting, sewing, pattern questions, etc - everyone has a suggestion, just use the one that works best for you.
- 2. The retreats are held at John Newcomb Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas -
- 3. The fee is \$300 with a \$100 deposit sleeping arrangements are 4 to a condo. The condo is divided into two bedrooms, each with their own bathroom. There is also a kitchen, living room and washer and dryer
- The meals begin at dinner on day of arrival, next three days -3 meals and 2 snacks, and

- final day breakfast. The meals are to die for as well as the desserts.
- 5. The large conference room is where we sew and have area quilt shops present their wares for the attendees to urchase. There are also quite a few quilt shops in the area for shopping opportunity
- 6. You must: (1) bring a power cord with a surge protector and a flashlight (2) Arrange your own transportation (3) BringEmergency Information sheet, envelopes will be provided. A packet containing maps and detailed information will be available at a later date, on the Guild's web site, rgvqg.com (members only).

Life Happens and the result is retreat openings.

Friendship Star - March 13-17, 2023, with 2 openings - no wait list Pay the \$300 fee now. Absolutely no refunds after February 21, 2023.

Bluebonnet Friends - March 19-23, 2023, with 3 openings no wait list. Pay the \$300 fee now. Absolutely no refunds after February 28, 2023.

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 and let the fun begin.

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



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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

20 quilts have already been given out in 2023!



Two
military
sew days
happened
in January.
Snow to
Sun on
January
18th and
Trophy

Gardens on January 20th. Photo of a top completed Friday at Trophy Gardens.

RGV Quilt Show

Chair Laural Powell

2023 Quilt Show "Under the Sea"

Friday and Saturday, February 10-11, 2023, South Padre Island Convention Center. 9am to 4pm each day.

Volunteers needed!

The SHOW cannot go on without a great host of Volunteers!



Volunteer Registration is up and ready on our website. (RGVQG.com).

The Volunteer Committee - Susan Coleman and Joy Paugh -You may sign up now by going on-line to the RGVQG website. The QUILT SHOW heading on the left side of the main screen will take you to Volunteer Registration.

REMEMBER: When you volunteer at the show you receive free admission. You may volunteer for Friday and Saturday and receive free admission each day. Also, non-members can volunteer to work at the RGVQG Quilt Show.

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 guilt 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 debrichwill@amail.com.

TOTES AND MORE

Oggie is getting more excited as our Quilt Show nears. A HUGE Thank You to those that dropped off Totes at our Guild Meeting last Saturday. They are wonderful!

However, we could still use a few more. So far we have 7 in our possession and promises of 5 more. Bringing our total of 12. The past few years we've had 20 or more.

FYI they don't have to be from a Group and they don't have to be huge.

Some of our favorites from past years have been a *Doll with a bed and a quilt or sleeping bag, a *Christmas theme, a *Ladies Spa theme and a *sewing theme. We already have enough beach theme totes....thank you!

Please don't forget to include an itemized list and a contact person with phone # and email.

Last preferred Drop off time is our Next Guild Meeting on Saturday, February, 4.

Looking forward to seeing y'all next month at the Guild meeting, any questions please call.

Thanks, Mary and Donna 918-520-0672

Our beautiful Opportunity Quilt:

Eye of the Storm



Wall hanging and Tote, second and third place prizes





Imagination Station

Remember to look for the Imagination Station bee demos!

These 15 minute demos both Friday and Saturday will be an opportunity for those attending the quilt show to learn more about your Bee and also to make new friends within the Rio Grande Valley. Be on the lookout for your bee's time on the schedule. For more info call: Paula McCutchan 317-874-8963 or email paulamccutchan442@msn.com

NEW VOTING INFO

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 on Saturday see which quilts received ribbons. Additionally if one of your entries received a ribbon, your picture can be taken with the quilt and ribbon while it's hanging at the show.

Debra Warner (This is an article written by Debi for Quilting Hub!)

Submitted by Laurie Magee

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"If you don't have a written appraisal and something happens to the quilt, your insurance will only give you the cost of a blanket from a big box store." We've all heard this statement when planning for a quilt show that will offer the services of a certified appraiser. Generally, this is true.

But my first experience with a quilt appraiser was so much more! The appraiser asked so many good questions about my quilt. It really made me think that I should probably be recording some of this information even if I don't plan to have a certain quilt appraised. For example, she asked what batting was used in the quilt. Over time, this would be helpful to know.

She also asked about the origin of the fabric and KNEW when I wasn't complete in my answer. She told me that some of the fabric was older than what I had purchased. Oh yeah, some of it came from my mother's stash. I forgot about that.

Here are some things that you might not know about appraisals that might be helpful to you.

There are standards that quilt appraisers follow. Quilt appraisers are well educated and are certified by professional organizations. If you are curious, you can research this information.

Be aware that a retail associate at an antique store is probably not certified. Also, if the person offers to purchase the quilt, you most likely aren't dealing with a certified appraiser as this violates their ethics.

The appraiser will need to see the quilt in person. A photograph will not tell the appraiser enough about the fabric and the workmanship.

There is more than one way to appraise a quilt. Just as in real estate, some are valued at the fair market price. That means the value assigned is the same as that for which a similar quilt has sold. This method means that you may be able to purchase a similar item for the specified amount. The comparable quilts would be similar in pattern and fabric. These quilts may not appraise for as much as the owner might wish, but certainly more than a big box store blanket.

Fair market value is the only method available for vintage and antique quilts.

Another method is reconstruction of a similar quilt. This method might be used when a quilt is

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unique in idea, construction, etc. These quilts generally have no market equivalent and might appraise at a higher value than expected. Laborintensive design elements used in reconstruction would increase the replacement price.

Due to the above, an appraisal should be done every three to five years. Let's face it, times change.

A history of quilt sales by a quilter would also be taken into consideration. Sales receipts for such sales should be given to the appraiser.

A complete description of the quilt, including photographs, measurements, and the appraiser's workmanship comments are included with the appraisal.

Today's Internet feed contained a photo of a quilt recovered after the tornadoes in Tennessee. Luckily, the quilt was in pristine condition. The finders are trying to return the quilt to the rightful owner. An appraisal document would most certainly establish the ownership of such a treasure.

Asking the question, "Should you have your quilt appraised?" The answer is:

What if your children found your great grandmother's quilt carefully stored in your attic? Would they value it? Would they treat if differently if a certified appraisal statement was packed with it? I think we know the answer is, "Yes!"

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Reporting since last meeting, 110 items, 709 hours, \$5,140.25 value. Way to go!!

Treasurer Report

A "link" to monthly Treasurer's Reports and other treasury documents can now be found on the "members only" page of the Guild's website: rgvqg.com and the reports will no longer be published in the newsletter.

Bee News

Queen City Buzzzzzz
By Anita Pineda

The Queen City Bees organized the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Friendship Day and the Guild



Bees swarmed into the Mercedes Recreational Dome for a day of games, friendships, and new member recruitment!

Quilting Bees buzzed in from throughout the valley ranging from Brownsville to Mission. The Mercedes Mayor, Oscar Montoya welcomed the Bees to Mercedes. Commissioner Saldana was also



present.
The Guild's
Military
Quilt
committee
presented
Mayor
Montoya
with a
Military
Quilt for his

dedication, loyalty, and service to our country.



Featured quilts on display during Friendship Day were made by family members honoring their deceased loved one who donated their cornea organ as a "Gift of Sight" sponsored by San

Antonio Eye Bank. Queen City Bee Gabby Herrera is the local contact person for the San Antonio Eye Bank

The Left, Right, Center Strip game was played where the winner wins a pile of fabric strips measuring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 42 inches. There were 25 tables playing LRC Strip and 25 happy winners. Quilt Bingo, full card or straight/diagonal lines, was also played. Quilt notion cards were called out, the members concentrated hard, looking for the corresponding picture on their card.



Each Guild member left with a mug rug stitched by the creative talents for the Queen City Bee members.

Pictured here, cochairs, Anita Pineda and Josie McVey.

Committee Chair-Bee for Friendship Day was Josie McVey, Bee Cindy Hernandez was the bee's florist who designed the centerpieces for each table. Bee Dinora Cavazos registered Guild members attending Friendship Day. Bees Gabby Herrera and Cindy Hernandez oversaw Quilting Bingo. Bee Meli Pena oversaw the Left, Right, Center Strip game. Bee Sheila Wilson chaired the

Potluck menu assisted by the buzzing Bees Lolis Guzman and Rosa Xolot.

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.

Programs

By Jan Rondeau

Our February
meeting will not have
a program, but will
focus on finalizing
the details for the
quilt show the
following week.



Our March meeting will be the annual garage sale at the Dome in Mercedes. We will have a total of 25 tables available to rent. Cost per table will be \$5 unless the proceeds go to the guild. We will start reservations with single tables only, with a wait list for those desiring a second table if we have enough. A sign up form will be posted on the website by the January meeting.



Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan



We're back to drawing a winner of the blocks, so join in and have fun!

10 Antique Tile blocks, December 4th in the Block a Day calendar, were turned in at the January meeting by Nancy Malmin, Jean Nickila, and me. I was the lucky winner.



For February, the block is **Old Maid's Puzzle**, October
20th in the Block a
Day calendar, an 8"
finished size block.
Think spring and
use bright florals
and coordinating
prints that read

solid with an ivory or off white background. If following the calendar, up the 7/8th to next whole inch for more accurate HSTs. Or as I like to do, use the essential triangle tool with 2-1/2" and 4-1/2" strips. Very little trimming is needed.



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RGVQG General Meeting

January 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by our president, Marsha Santow, at 9am. She introduced the Weslaco mayor. He welcomed us to Weslaco and told us thank you for picking Weslaco for our meeting place. Marsha presented him a check as our thank you for hosting us. Marsha stated it was for their summer reading program. Lucy Klaas then presented him with a military service quilt as a thank you for his military service. Marsha then introduced our program speaker for the day. Randi York bought a great presentation to our guild.

Treasurer's report was given by Mike Hall. He explained that the report will be published in a new way. He answered questions from the floor on how it will be done. The treasurer's report was placed on file for audit.

Secretary's report - placed on file.

Installations of New Officers. Mike Hall was installed as treasurer. Chris Cowan, Community Service and Debbie Williams, Membership were also installed.

QUILT SHOW REPORT:

Laural showed us the Opportunity Quilt called Eye of the Storm. Laural and Deb Warner came up with the design as a variation of the Storm At Sea. Deb Warner passed away this last summer, so Laural has finished the quilt. Joy Paugh is one of the chairmen for volunteers at the show. She explained part of the check in process when they report for work. Paula McCutchen says 9 Bees are participating with demos as part of the show. She explained some of what they will be doing. Debbie Williams gave a report for the Silent Auction. Mary Camp reported on the Totes and More. A

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report on the appraiser that will be at the show was given and explained how an appraisal can help if you ever lose your quilt. A report was given on what it takes to get the guilts hung for the show. It was stated that it takes about 4 hours to do this. Bonnie Hall gave a report on quilt registration. Laural gave a report on vendors that have signed up to come to the show. She also stressed that we do not have a chairperson for the 2024 quilt show. If we cannot get a chairperson we cannot have a quilt show.

Retreats - Kathe Letulle states there are openings on both retreats.

Military Service - Lucy Klaas gave an update on the progress they are making with getting quilts ready to be presented.

BOM - Chris Cowan won the 10 blocks turned in for last month. Information on next month's block will be in the newsletter. It's Old Maid's Puzzle.

Community Service - Chris Cowan said 110 items were reported this month for a total value of \$5,140.25.

Newsletter - Chris Cowan has asked for the articles to be sent in ASAP so she can get it together before her company arrives.

Membership - Debbie Williams reports that we had 9 visitors today and 13 joined us on ZOOM.

Schoolhouse - Debbie Williams said there are 2 Schoolhouse classes in February because of scheduling conflicts with the room we use for classes. She also said that a new chairperson is needed for Schoolhouse because she is taking over membership.

<u>Publicity</u> - Marsha is asking for a Chairperson as we have not had one for a year.

winners.

Mike Hall announced that he has gotten approval to have our summer meetings from the board and the library so we can have in person meetings.

Door Prize - Elaine Hall made sure we all had door prize tickets. Jean Waufle assisted in passing out the winners.

Llano Grande announced their upcoming quilt show.

Our meeting next month will be the first Saturday in February because our quilt show is on the second weekend

Program Chair - Jan Rondeau attended meeting through Zoom because she was not feeling well. She has asked for assistance if we want to get national and international speakers for our winter meetings.

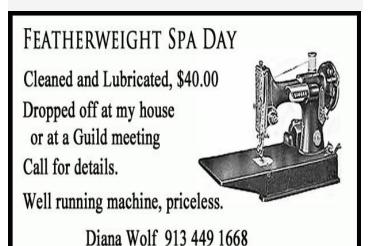
The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah Maney announced the









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

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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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Calhoun County Quilt Guild 2023

Invites you to our Third Judged Quilt Show

Show Dates/Times: Friday, FEB 24,2023 - 9AM - 5PM Saturday, FEB 25, 2023 - 9AM - 4PM

Bauer Community Center 2300 N. Hwy 35, Port Lavaca, TX

Admission:

\$7.00 for adults per day \$5.00 for students aged 5-18

Come see incredible quilts, Guild
Challenge, a separate area for our
Rising Star Quilts, Vendors and
have amazing food from the
Grapevine Restaurant.
Remember to bring scissors to be
sharpened on-site.

Special Guest Artist William Reue Free Spirit Fabrics Designer

Our unbelievable "Quilting Across Texas" Quilt tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Drawing held Saturday, February 25th at 3 PM

For information please call Pat Forbes at 210.215.1640 or email: pforbes@flash.net or Charlene Terrell at 713.410.6737 or email Clterrell50@Yahoo.com