



# RGVQGG News

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## President's Threads That Bind

I hope everyone is doing well. The program at the meeting today was very interesting. I guess I need to get brave and see if I can try any of the suggestions Diane gave us.

We have a couple of jobs that need to be filled. We need someone to man our Facebook pages. This would include approving new people who request access to our member's page. It would also be monitoring the pages. We also need someone for publicity as Laural has had to step down from this responsibility. Please consider either of these jobs and if you are interested let us know.

We'll keep on quilting.

Marsha Santow

## LIBRARY POLL

A poll is being sent to each member of the Guild regarding the disposition of the guild's physical library.

The question is: I would like the guild to eliminate the physical library. I will be able to obtain books and patterns online.

The choices are (a) yes, (b) no.

You will also be given the opportunity (optional) to help support your choice.

[RGVQGG Poll Physical Library \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com)

Please click the above link to vote. You can only vote once.

The results of the poll will probably be provided at the January 2024 meeting.

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## Library Poll Clarification

We have had for several years on the "members' only page" a way to request a book to be brought to the next meeting. If we don't eliminate the physical library, just the bringing of random books to meetings, we can continue to request only selected ones be brought. Either option, keep or eliminate, will require member help to either get an updated inventory catalog and then maintaining it or figuring out how to dispose of the inventory in some efficient manner.

## Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon/Kathe Letulle

There have been many of our members who have needed our concern and prayers. We sincerely hope that these members know that their Family at the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild are concerned and praying for them

Mike and Bonnie Hall....sent Sympathy card because Mike lost a sister.

Joan Anderson....sent Sympathy card on the death of her husband

Maggie Putney ....fell and sent thinking of you card  
Sandi Pearl's brother....Sympathy card for the death of Sandi Pearl

Jackie Landon - a fall and impending 2 hernias surgery on Friday.

Karen Knowlton - husband Darren passed away  
Josie McVey - two sons in the hospital and both doing better

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@rgvqq.com](mailto:shadows@rgvqq.com)

## Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

Pictures of the class projects, along with the supply lists, are on the RGVQG website. Please take a look and sign up for a class or two!

Sign-ups and payments are made via the Guild website.

Class Price: \$20.

Some of the classes have before-class preparation, and others have a kit you may want to purchase, so look at the supply lists carefully. Some classes will require pre-cutting and some will require special supplies at a small additional price.

All classes will give you finished or nearly finished projects - you'll be able to do final touches and bring your items to the Guild meeting following the class.

Several class samples were shown at the last meeting, and they'll be on display before each meeting, and at breaks, until the end of the Schoolhouse season.

All classes will be held on the Tuesday before the Guild meeting and will be held at Pharr South, 1402 Cage, Pharr, TX

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch/drink or go to nearby restaurants

### November 7, 2023

One for you, one for a gift? Or two for you!  
Holiday Tablerunners x 2  
Nancy Malmin & Dale Shafer

### December 5, 2023

New version of an old favorite - perfect for Christmas gifts!  
Modern Woven Basket & Coasters - Mary Camp

### January 9, 2024

A new style of wallet class by a very popular teacher!  
Fabric-covered Wallet - Paula McCutchan

### February 6, 2024

Cosmetics? Toiletries? Sewing notions? You choose!  
Multi-use Quilted Bags - Becky Forschler

### March 5, 2024

Could you actually learn to like binding?  
Basic Bindings & Beyond  
Bonnie Hall & Kris Driscoll  
Links to the classes are below:

Sign-up for Schoolhouse Classes

[Schoolhouse November 2023 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

[Schoolhouse December 2023 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

[Schoolhouse January 2023 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

[Schoolhouse February 2024 \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com)

[Schoolhouse March 2024 \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com)

More information for each class is available at

[Schoolhouse - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild](http://rgvqg.com)

[\(rgvqg.com\)](http://rgvqg.com)

## In Memoriam

We were able to create a digital slide show for the 2023 Quilt Show that allowed us to honor the members who are no longer with us. Please notify Bonnie Hall when you are aware of someone who has passed. She keeps a file of names and obituaries, but she is not always aware of a death. It does not matter if the person has returned up-North or hasn't been a member recently, we want to remember them. Each of you are the key to make sure no one is left out.

## Aloysius alligator

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



## Membership Information

*by Debbie Williams*

We have begun accepting 2024 membership dues from all current 2023 members, returning and new members. If you like to pay your dues early, dues paid NOW will count towards the January 1st thru December 31st, 2024 season. But if you prefer to wait until closer to the end of the year, that is certainly fine as well. The 2023 membership period will expire at the end of December, 2023.

How do you know if you are a current 2023 Guild member?

- \* You receive the monthly newsletter.
- \* You receive the monthly email notification of the monthly Guild meeting.
- \* Your name is on the Sign In sheet at the monthly Guild meeting.
- \* Your Memid (membership ID #) on all Guild communication will begin with 230xxx. When you join for 2024, you will receive a new Memid # that will be 240xxx. This is how you know what year you have paid.

To renew your Guild membership for 2024, the easiest way is to do so online through the RGVQG.com web page. In addition you may do so in person at a Guild monthly meeting with a check for \$30 or with \$30 cash which will be placed in a sealed envelope.

When you do pay your dues for 2024, you will receive a RGV Membership Email. You should PRINT OUT this email. This email will include your name and new 240xxx membership ID number. At the bottom of this email is a RGVQG membership card that you can fill in with your name and number. If you want to have a card for your wallet, simply cut out the card once you have filled it in. This email is your proof of payment for 2024.

If you wish to purchase a membership badge, you may order one from Kathe Letulle at the monthly meetings. Typically she would have your badge at the following meeting. Kathe can be found before the meeting at the Retreat table.

As a member you will have access to the Members Only information on the RGVQG.com web page. The information for accessing these sections is provided in your Membership Email.

Please email Debbie Williams at [membership@Rgvqg.com](mailto:membership@Rgvqg.com) if you need assistance.



## Elections

At the July General Meeting, the Officer positions to be elected were announced and persons wanting to seek those positions were to contact the Nominating Committee whose members were posted online. The Nominating Committee also solicited persons from Brownsville to the west end of The Valley. There was an article in the newsletter in June. There was only one person who volunteered for each position.

We are also proposing a few changes to the bylaws. The changes were published again in this October RGVQG newsletter, see page 12.

To vote on the both the officers and bylaws, please click on the link below

[2024 RGVQG Officer and Bylaw Ballot](#)

## Give with Bing

Another way to support RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD is through Give with Bing 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 [RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD \(Give with Bing\)](#)

<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.

## Social Media Expansion

by Laural Powell



We have expanded our social media presence! For some time the Guild has had a **closed Facebook group**, as **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild**. This means you must answer some questions and then be allowed into this group.

The Guild Board has voted to keep this group to members only. This is to provide a space for our members to post and comment where they will know it will only be seen by Guild members.

The Guild Board also understands some may want to share what our guild is doing with their friends. Then others are introduced to our guild through our quilt show and/or community service efforts, and want to know more about our guild. So, we created a **Facebook page at Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Texas**. This page can be viewed and followed by anyone interested in our guild. Additionally, we have reactivated the Guild's **Instagram account**, which anyone can follow at **Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild or @rgvqgtx**.

So, now anyone can follow the Guild on our Facebook page and Instagram account, while Guild members can have privacy by joining the Guild's closed Facebook group. If you need help accessing any of these, contact me at [joinfb@rgvqg.com](mailto:joinfb@rgvqg.com).

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# Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle



The 2023 retreats are history,

**BUT there is 2024 and the dates are:**

**Friendship Star - March 11 to 15, 2024**

**Bluebonnet Friends - March 17 to 21, 2024**

Both Retreats are full but members are still signing up on the Wait List! As of this date, anyone who has ever placed their name on a Wait List has had the opportunity to attend retreat and as it is well known, life happens.

## GET ON THE WAIT LIST NOW!

The registration forms for retreats are on the Guild website ([rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com)) within Members Only under RETREAT.

## Here is what you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask about retreats:

1. 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 its own bathroom. There is also a kitchen, living room, washer and dryer
4. 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 purchase. There are also quite a few quilt shops in the area for shopping opportunities.
6. You must: (a) bring a power cord with a surge protector and a flashlight (b) Arrange your own transportation (c) Bring Emergency Information sheet, envelopes will be provided.
7. A packet containing maps and detailed information will be available at a later date, on the Guild's website. [rgvqg.com](http://rgvqg.com) (members only).

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

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

956-272-2377 or [retreat@rgvqg.com](mailto:retreat@rgvqg.com)

## Community Service

by Chris Cowan

This is a letter about a way to do community service outside the Valley. Check it out and see if you're interested in participating.

"Hello!

*Our non-profit organization, Wrap the World With Quilts, will be one of the featured charities at the Quilt Festival in Houston again this year.*

We would like **all quilters in Texas** to know that they can help those in need by bringing quilts to donate at our booth at the Festival.

### ***About our organization:***

*In March of 2022, Gina Halladay and Beth Hawkins (both pattern designers in the quilt industry) began an effort to send quilts of comfort and warmth to the refugees flooding the borders from Ukraine. Now a year and a half*

*later, 36,000 quilts have been donated from all 50 states, Canada, and several other countries! Those quilts have already been shipped and/or delivered to refugee mothers and children in various refugee centers, orphanages, and other housing locations in Poland, Moldova, Romania, and into the safer parts of Ukraine; to earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, and most recently to fire victims in Maui.*

Each donated quilt is inventoried, tagged, and tracked to its destination. The quiltmaker can choose to leave their name and hometown, and a message of comfort to the recipient. The recipient can then scan the code on the tag, and send a message in return to the quiltmaker, through our website (email addresses are kept private). We post photos daily on our social media, showing the process of getting the quilts into the hands of refugees. Often quiltmakers can spot their quilts wrapped around a child or family in the photos that are posted!

**Can you let your guild members know that they have a unique opportunity to drop off donated quilts if they are attending the Quilt Festival in Houston this year?** We would greatly appreciate it! The need for warmth, comfort, and love sent to those in need is great.

--Handmade quilts of any size are needed. They can be quilted or tied. Fleece, crocheted, infant swaddle flannels are accepted too.

--Quilts can be registered on our website at [WraptheWorldWithQuilts.com](http://WraptheWorldWithQuilts.com) if the quiltmaker would like to send a personal message and tag their quilt before dropping off. (We can also do that for them in our booth).

--Houston Quilt Festival, November 2-5, 2023 at the George Brown Convention center in downtown Houston. [More info here.](#)

--More information on our social media: Instagram and Facebook @wraptheworldwithquilts.

Please let us know if you would like more information for your guild.

Thank you for helping us to help others in need.

Gina Halladay and Beth Hawkins  
Wrap the World With Quilts Inc  
[wrapquilts@gmail.com](mailto:wrapquilts@gmail.com)

## Military Service Quilts

There will be a Military sew day at Trophy Gardens on January 12th. It will begin at 9A.M.

## RGV Quilt Show

**2024 Chairs: Laurie Magee & Jean Waufler**

### 2024 RGV Quilt Show Update

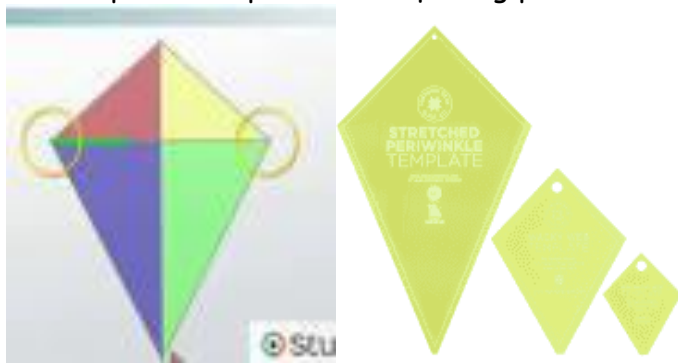
#### 2024 RGV Quilt Show October Update

- The show flyers and bookmarks have arrived from the printer. Edna Butler has bookmarks to hand out at her two scheduled opportunity ticket sales events at Sam's Club in Harlingen. The first one is scheduled 9-2 on October 28 and the second on November 25th. She will need help with bathroom and snack breaks. The show pins have arrived, and Edna Butler has them. If you have already picked up your tickets and paid for them, you should be sure to ask Edna at the next meeting for your pin! Edna is willing to send tickets to members who are "UP North". Tag me on the RGVQG Facebook page or email me and I will work with her to send them to you.
- If you have an item for the Silent Auction, Bonnie has added a JotForm on the Quilt Show page for you to complete so that Debbie Genette is aware of the donation. It works the same way as registering your quilts! [Silent Auction Donation Form](#)

- REGISTER YOUR QUILTS EARLY AND OFTEN! Please do not wait until the last two weeks. [2024 RGV Quilt Show Quilt Registration](#)
- If you have a particular theme in mind for a "Totes and More" bag, we are willing to make a custom bag for you. Provide me with a half yard of fabric that fits your theme or contact me and request that I locate appropriate fabric. We currently have four bags that no one has claimed!
- Completed Totes and More bags can be returned at the January Guild meeting or please make an arrangement with Coleen Torres or Rikki Upton for pick-ups.
- Jean Waufle is working on recruiting sponsors for the show. If you are aware of a business who you think might be a good fit, please contact Jean.
- Please plan a sew day with your bee for the Boutique!
- We are looking forward to seeing our Winter Texan members in person soon!

## 2024 RGVQG Quilt Show Chairs Choice

The Chairs Choice will require the use of the kite shape, created either with a template or 4 triangles and/or a kite theme. This shape can be part of the background or neutral space or it can be very graphic as the example to the right. It can be applied, pieced or a combination of both. This shape can be part of the quilting pattern.



- No kits
- No size limitations.
- If you use a published pattern, the designer must be listed in your registration.
- The quilt must represent the theme "Take Flight" in some manner.
- Use your imagination!

## 2024 RGVQG Quilt Show Challenge "Take Flight"

Jean and Laurie challenge you to create something beautiful with at least one wool element, and addressing the theme, "Take Flight"

- The item is limited to a maximum perimeter of 72", and if the item is a circle, its diameter can be no bigger than 18".
- Must have a wool element, decorative stitching and embellishments but can include other materials.
- The entry can include mug rugs, jewelry, bell pulls, pillows, buttons, pin cushions, pictures, rugs etc. It can also be punch-needle, or any other item made of wool with decorative stitching and/or embellishment.
- A wool kit will be acceptable with the requirement that the maker add personal elements to the kit and indicate the designer and additions on their entry form.



A list of shops that carry wool, patterns, thread, and other resources. The Woolies group is willing to be a resource as well.



1. THE WOOLEN NEEDLE  
225 W Welsh St  
Williamsburg, IA  
(319)668-2642
2. RUSTY CROW QUILT SHOP  
111 W Seachase Dr  
Nags Head NC 27959  
(760)752-7784  
[Shawn@rustycrow.com](mailto:Shawn@rustycrow.com)
3. PRIMITIVE QUILT CELLAR  
[email@primitivequiltcellar.com](mailto:email@primitivequiltcellar.com)
4. PRAIRIE POINT JUNCTION  
124 E 8th, Box 184  
Colada's, NE 69130  
(308)7842010  
[info@prairiepointjunction.com](mailto:info@prairiepointjunction.com)
5. PRAIRIE WOOLENS QUILT SHOP  
203 S Wood St  
Paulina IA  
(712)229-0341
6. PRIMITIVE GATHERINGS  
8567 S Loop Rd  
Larsen WI 54947  
(920)722-7233
7. LITTLE RED HEN  
612 Hope Ave  
Muscatine IA  
(563)262-5709
8. MERRY'S STITCHIN'  
1923 Baker Rd  
Jesus IA 50648  
(319)827-6703  
[Merrys@jtt.net](mailto:Merrys@jtt.net)
9. RIVER'S EDGE QUILT LOFT & ANTIQUES  
10103 St Rd 27  
Hayward WI  
(715)634-0706    [riveted@cheqnet](mailto:riveted@cheqnet)  
or    [gailgrassel@shopriversedge.com](mailto:gailgrassel@shopriversedge.com)
10. BUTTERMILK BASIN  
8301 Sunset Rd NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55434  
[swest@buttermilkbasin.com](mailto:swest@buttermilkbasin.com)
11. CARRIED AWAY DESIGNS  
4948 Common Market Pl  
De Lin OH 43016
12. MOUNTAIN CREEK QUILT SHOP  
3531 US Hwy 411S  
Maryville TN 37801  
(865)856-0805  
[mtcreekquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:mtcreekquilters@yahoo.com)
13. RED PINE QUILT SHOP  
915 Washington Ave  
Detroit Lakes MN 56501  
(218)844-5260
14. MIDWAY WOOL CO.  
Online only  
(435)654-2844
15. THE QUILTED COW  
18593 Business 13  
Branson West MO.65737  
(417)272-0000
16. YELLOW CREEK QUILT DESIGNS  
160 S Main St  
Pearl City IL 61062  
(815)443-2211 or (815)238-5597
17. PLAID SHEEP COMPANY  
Online only  
(330)893-3163

### **Free Woolie**

Edna Butler donated a tub of wool to the guild for anyone to use for the Challenge Quilt. This was wool that belonged to Deb Warner. I believe she would be pleased to have it used for this purpose. I will continue bringing the tub to the guild meetings for anyone needing small pieces. Donations are appreciated.



## Boutique News

By Suzanne Brennan

Hi, just wanted to let everyone know Kathy Snyder and I are working hard to have a fun and exciting boutique this year at the quilt show.

We had a guild sew day in July at Green Gate Grove and some lovely items were created and donated.

We are asking if there's any other Bees that would like to host sew days for the guild. It is fun to get together and meet new and old friends. I've been asked to provide lists of items that sold well and items that didn't.

### ITEMS THAT SOLD WELL

Pot holders, Jar openers, Potato bags, Card holders, Bags of all sizes, Greeting cards, Pillow cases, Pin cushions, Earrings with sewing items on them, Small wall hangings, Lap quilts, Larger wall quilts, Children items (stuffed animals, sleeping bags with Teddy bear, busy board bags, notepaper and pen bags), Aprons, sewing items, Decorated table runners.

### ITEMS THAT DID NOT SELL

Plain table runners, Wine glass cozies, Tissue box covers, Eye glass holders, Long stockings, Casserole carriers (comments they were too large or they felt the handle would tip when carrying) \*\*Please know I wasn't able to be at the quilt show this year, and I'm basing everything from a written report

Also, whenever making or donating items, use your good judgment. Please use quality fabric when making items. If something looks old, dirty or smells, we won't be able to use them.

Kathy and I thank everyone that is or will be involved with our project. We appreciate all the time and effort that goes into making this a success. Neither one of us has been in charge of something like this and I'm sure there is untapped knowledge in our guild. We welcome suggestions and constructive criticism.

## 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](http://rgvqg.com) and the reports will no longer be published in the newsletter.

## Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

I'll be glad to restart the block draw this fall if interest is expressed. Let me know!!

## Bee News

Queen City Bees Buzzzzzz

By Anita Pineda

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to US THE QUEEN CITY BEES! August 21<sup>st</sup> was our 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary! We have grown from seven members to 20! New members include a Baby Bee, Katie and Bumble Bee, David. Many of the new member Bees are beginners, learning to sew, cut and piece together. The Bees helped each other out by each one learning a skill and teaching it to the rest of the members. As a Beehive, we worked together to organize the Guild's Friendship Day, increased our membership, and encouraged our Bees to join the Guild membership. Finally, we traveled outside of the Valley to explore specialty fabric shops and quilt shows. As a group, QCBs have traveled to Kerrville, Fredericksburg, and San Antonio. The San Antonio fieldtrip was to The Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild Show held September 2023.



We enjoyed the many unique quilt displays, vendors, and shopping! After the quilt show, the Bees flew from fabric shop to fabric shop. There were plenty of eateries enjoyed by all. Throughout the summer, several quilting retreats were held for both QCB members and Guild members. We would like to thank the Guild members who attended our 2-day summer retreats held at the Magic Valley RV Park in Weslaco.

**The Mission Bee** is buzzing. We have challenged all members to make a "portrait quilt". These will be displayed at the quilt show for all to see. We are making blocks from a book, "The Splendid Sampler". Each of us is putting our quilts together differently. You will see many of them at the quilt show. We love doing charity quilts. We have completed many quilts for Driscoll Children's Hospital. Two quilts have been completed for the graduating foster care kids. Military quilts are always in the queue. We are small but we have many talented quilters & members who create beautiful items on their embroidery machines. It's always fun to see all the new projects our members are working on. So much creativity.

## Programs

By Jan Rondeau

November Program will be Laura Strickland Orange Blossom Quilt Design Studio. Her topic will be Quilting as Women's Art. She has been juried into the past 3 Cherrywood Challenge Exhibits. Her quilts have traveled the world with the Challenge Exhibit.

Laura Strickland will be teaching a class called A Stitch in Time. Have you ever wanted to decorate your quilt studio with a clock? Well how about a clock that is made from fabric and really keeps time? Join us for the quilt workshop on November 10th at Pharr South Activity Center. You can use scraps, fat quarters and even some jelly roll strips. Leave with a beautiful functioning clock. If

you have never dabbled in paper piecing this is a great place to experiment. Laura assured me you will complete the project during the class, no matter your level of paper piecing experience.

[Quilted Clock Sign-up](#)

December our regular meeting will be replaced by a day to celebrate Friendships and start getting into the holiday spirit. The Killer Bees are hosting this year and will be providing additional information soon. [Friendship Day Sign-up](#)

In January we will be joined by Michele Markey of Medina Domestic Arts. She will be presenting a trunk show and fabric painting demonstration. Michele has always been a favorite. You won't want to miss this.

Michele will be teaching a painting and embellishing class "Texas Wildflowers" We will be painting a 16" block with Texas wildflowers and finish it with embellishments. All the products needed for the class are provided. Class will be held on Friday, January 12th at Pharr South Main Hall. [Fabric Coloring 101 Sign-up](#)

In February we will be joined by the ladies from Fat Tuesday Fabrics and Gifts from Monroe, LA. Details for this are not finalized yet. They will also be teaching a class on February 9th at Pharr South Activity Center. Details will be shared soon.

In March we will have our ever popular quilting garage sale. We will be at Casa Del Sol in Donna again this year. [Reserve your Table.](#)

In April we will be joined by Jerriann Massey from Annie McHugs. She will be sharing the use of Reverse Applique tools. She has developed a system for reverse applique for use with her original designs. She will be premiering her latest design Texas Pictures windows.

On April 12th Jeriann will be teaching her methods and tools for reverse applique in a class at Pharr South Activity Center. She will be

sharing her best practices as we create a Texas reverse applique block.

In May Susan Madden will be presenting a zoom lecture on a program she has developed for keeping all your quilt projects neatly in one place: what fabrics are still needed, your personal notes, and all things relating to your quilts.


3rd Annual  
Texas **Foster Youth** High School  
Graduates of 2024



Volunteers are needed to make **500 quilts, zipper pouches, and more.** These items will be given to the youth when they graduate from high school.



**Quilts**



**Zipper Pouches**

**Sign Up** at [www.day1bags.org](http://www.day1bags.org), click on **"Do you sew?"**

**Quilt Instructions:**

- Happy Colors
- Please keep in mind that the high school seniors select their own quilts and all styles and colors are welcome.

**Size Dimensions:**

- Hand or Machine Quilted with batting
- Twin or lap-size are accepted

**Matching Pillowcase(Optional):**

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
- **Other Opportunities:**
  - Donate Fabric
  - Long Arm Quilting Services
  - Delivery or Pick up quilts
  - Photography
  - Speak to local guilds

Our guild has promised 15 quilts.

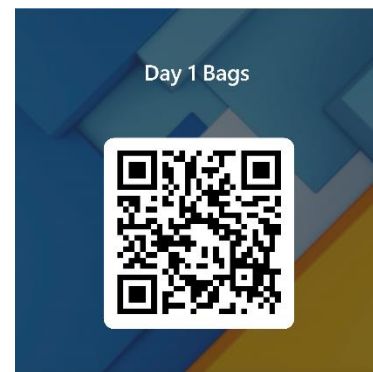
**A letter from our Region 11 co-ordinator**

Day1Bags has started its annual Adopt a Senior Campaign for the 2024 School Year. The Adopt a Senior Campaign collects handmade quilts and zipper pouches to distribute to teenagers that will graduate from high school who are still part of the Foster Care system in Texas.

A couple of changes have been made to the program this year. First, pillow cases are no

longer required. Second, the size of the quilt requested is **50x70** (Twin sizes will be accepted this year since many people may have already started prior to this change). Zipper pouches have a different drop off location and you can contact me for more information about that.

Diane Dietze was the Regional Coordinator for Region 11 last year and will be traveling in the spring so I will be stepping in for her to help with this Campaign year. My name is **Alyssa Gonzalez**, and I live in the RGV, and have been quilting for the past 8-9 years. You can contact me via email at [agonzalez@nplexusrgv.com](mailto:agonzalez@nplexusrgv.com) or text (best) or call my cell phone at (956) 578-3352. I work at North Park Lexus RGV and have asked them to partner with me in collecting quilts for this campaign. The dealership is located at 410 W Interstate 2 in San Juan Texas, and during business hours (9-6; M-F) just ask for me at the reception desk and I'll make sure your quilt is received with care. After business hours, our receptionist will take care of you and your quilt. You can use this [link](#) or the QR Code below to complete the drop off form. Everyone at North Park Lexus will have this QR Code readily available as well. While you're at the dealership, have a complementary Starbucks coffee and a free cookie in our Cafe!





# RGVQG General Meeting

## Minutes

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October 14, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Marsha Santow.

Jan Rondeau introduced our speaker, Diane Murtha. Her presentation was called A License to Play. She was a very good speaker with some great ideas.

Marsha resumed the meeting after our break. She read a thank you from Joan Anderson for the card we had sent her.

Secretary's report will be filed as printed.

Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.

Committee Reports:

**Quilt Show** - Laurie Magee - She has totes with her for anyone wanting to do a tote for Totes and More. Flyers are ready for the RV parks. Opportunity Quilt will be on display October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have someone come to relieve us so we can have break. There will be more information in the newsletter.

**Membership** - Debbie Williams - 57 members present and 16 on Zoom. We also have 3 guests today.

**Programs** - Jan Rondeau - Laura Strickland will be our speaker in November. She will also be teaching a class. December is Friendship Day. Check the newsletter for a list of speakers to come.

**Schoolhouse** - Dale Shafer - She explained what schoolhouse classes are and how to get signed up. There are still openings in each of the classes.

**Sunshine and Shadows** - Kathe Letulle is taking over for Jackie Landan while she recovers from surgery.

**Retreat** - Kathe Letulle - Both retreats are full with a waiting list. Your balance is due in

November for Friendship and in December for Blue Bonnet

**Hostesses** - Elaine Hall and Jean Waufle - Elaine did the door prize drawing.

**Fat Quarter Draw** - Carrah Maney - Carrah did the drawing because her co-host is seriously ill.

**Quilt Show Tickets and Pins** - Marilyn Hintz - These are available. She is also looking for volunteers to give a tutorial on Friendship Day. Please call her if you are interested.

**Nominating Committee** - Diana Wolf - Voting will be on line and in person.

Diana Wolf for president

Lila Helm for secretary

Josey McVey and Carmen Avila for programs

**Show and Tell**

**Newsletter** Marsha states that articles for the newsletter need to be in Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51am.

Secretary, Lila Helm

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### Proposed Changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules

1.05 These Bylaws are to remain in compliance with state and federal requirements whether incorporated within this document or not.

4.02 Officers need not be residents of Texas but must be a member in good standing of the Guild. **The person holding the office of President must have been a member in good standing for two years prior to election.**

**4.04 c) Terms - The term of an Officer is two years. The Officer can be re-elected for a second term. Subsequently, if no candidate for an Officer can be found for a particular position, and the Board approves, the Officer may serve an additional term or terms.** The offices of President, Secretary, and Third Vice President will be elected for a two (2) year term in even numbered years. The First Vice



President, Second Vice President, and Treasurer will be elected in odd numbered years. Installation of Officers shall be at the December meeting with official duties beginning January 1 of the following year.

**4.11.01 Document Retention** The Guild's secretary shall permanently maintain the following documents:

The Articles of Incorporation

The Guild By-Laws, with all amendments  
All Board minutes

All General meeting minutes.

For security, all original paper documentation should be scanned into an electronic format and uploaded along with copies of all electronic files to the Guild cloud account. In addition, the Guild cloud account should be backed up monthly to a portable electronic storage device.

**04.12.02 Documents pertaining to the Guild's financial status** shall be handled as per requirements of the IRS and the State of Texas.

**04.12.03 DOCUMENT RETENTION** In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, the Guild Treasurer shall permanently maintain the following documents in the original paper or electronic format:

In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, the Guild Treasurer shall permanently maintain the following documents in the original paper or electronic format:

**04.12.03.01** The guild's application for tax-exempt status.

**04.12.03.02** The IRS determination letter recognizing the guild's tax-exempt status.

**04.12.03.03** The Texas Certificate of Filing and the Certificate of Amendment

(Form 424) The guild's annual information returns, IRS Form 990-EZ

**04.12.03.04** All supporting documentation for IRS Form 990-EZ must be maintained for a period of six (6) years. The supporting documentation will include bank statements, invoices, receipts, or any document supporting an income or expense to the guild.

**04.12.03.05** At the conclusion of the six-year retainment period, the paper documentation supporting the tax filings should be destroyed by shredding.

**04.12.04** The Treasurer shall keep a list of persons providing cash donations in excess of \$100.00 along with their names and mailing addresses.

**5.03** Board meetings are held the Wednesday immediately prior to the regular Guild meeting. The regular Guild meetings are scheduled on the second Saturday of each month. The President should provide the dates and times at least seven (7) days in advance, stating the time and place of the meeting.

**6.02** All Chairs of Standing Committees are authorized to vote on Board matters. If there are co-chairs, the committee remains limited to one vote. The Board may create additional committees as necessary or dissolve them as stated in Section 6.12. The Board will define the activities and scope of authority for each committee by resolution.

**8.02** Adds the following sentence: A fee of \$0.25 per page will be charged for copying unless the fee is waived in part or all by the Guild Board.

Proposed changes to the Standing Rules

**2b. Unless waived by the Board**, members and guests are required to wear name tags or pay \$0.50 for a nametag.

**2c. Unless waived by the Board**, guests will be charged \$10.00 and furnished a nametag when a national speaker is presenting or conducting a program.

8. National guest speakers or visiting lecturers and a **Program Chair or their representative** will be provided a meal at the class or lecture. Alcoholic beverages are not provided.

~~14b. Block Draw or Other Monthly Project is to promote quilting by having samples for the members to try making.~~

14j. Quilt Show Committee chair will select their own committee members and may have sub-committees, volunteers and helpers to promote and organize a show to promote the Guild.

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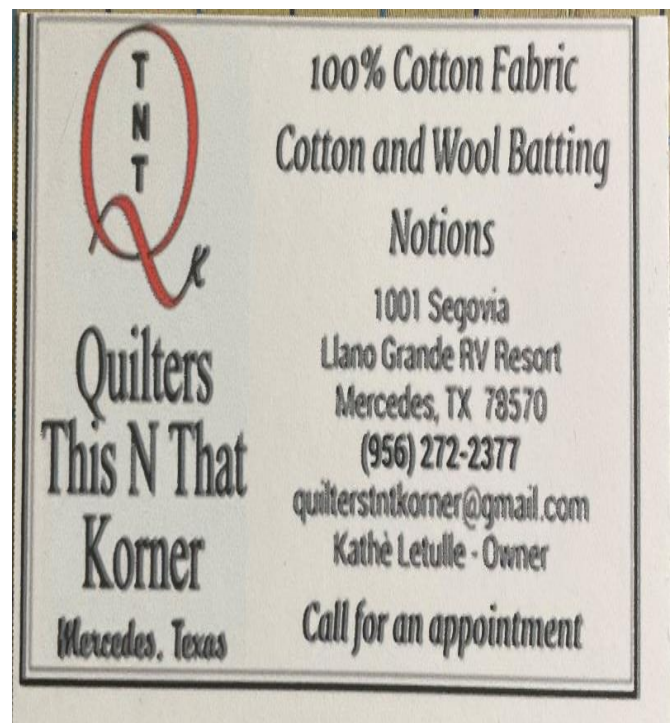
**Deadline:** Monday following meeting on second Saturday of the month to be included in our next monthly publication. Newsletter is posted 12 times each year. Paid advertisers may put one ad per month on our Facebook page at no cost.

### 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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