



RGVQGG News

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

President's Threads That Bind

We have an exciting program next month, a new technique for reverse applique. Something that looks hard to do but isn't.

The Swap n Shop happened and we have been invited back to the same place next year. Lots of activity and apparently lots of bargains by the size of things going to new homes.

The Quilt Show Committee has pleasant news for us, stay tuned.

Our Winter Texan friends are ready to migrate north for a while. We all know you can quilt almost anywhere. Quitting improves focus and concentration. It required attention to detail, which can improve cognitive function and concentration. Quilting can provide a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Whether you're joining a quilting group or presenting a cherished handmade quilt to a loved one, the bonds formed through this craft can combat loneliness and social isolation.

Happy quilting!
Diana Wolf

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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

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@rgvqg.com

Program Chair(s) Needed!!

We have an opportunity for you to help the Guild. We need a Program Chair or Chairs. Programs have been planned for the next few months. An all business meeting is boring and our members want to be educated, so we hope someone(s) is willing to take on this position.

This is an officer position. You have a 2024 budget of approximately \$7000.00 for speakers. You are elected and will be sworn in.

Perks: *The Program Chair does not pay a fee for the Program class. For the Houston Quilt Show, there is a \$600.00 budget you can use to help offset expenses.*

To help you decide, the **responsibilities** are as follows. **You can delegate** most of these, but you retain the responsibility.

Arrange programs for your term of office, 24 months. It will take some time to do this.

Presently, there are about 4 more months arranged and some possibilities which need to be finalized for the summer months.

If we have a speaker fly in, they purchase their own ticket and are reimbursed for that expense. Additionally, you are responsible to pick up and return them to the airport. You can delegate this. While the speaker is in town, they are taken out to lunch and dinner as needed. The speaker and the Program Chair are reimbursed for this. This can be delegated.

Obtain a contract and sign it. Consider having the Treasurer or President review it too. Forward a copy of it and any associated invoices or receipts to the Treasurer for payment.

Present to the Treasurer any other reimbursable expenses so you can be paid.

Introduce the speaker at the Guild General meeting. This can be delegated.

If the speaker will be on Zoom, coordinate with the Audio-Visual person, presently Mike Hall, or his backup Jani Shoemaker, so the remote members can hear and see the speaker. You will send the meeting link to the speaker.

Fees for the program presentation will be reimbursed according to our guidelines. You will receive sample contracts to guide you, and the Treasurer will clarify any details.

If the program speaker will have a class, you will check the classroom is set up appropriately and returned to the condition the location requires.

This can be delegated. Now in **2024, the room is ready to use with no preparation** and that should last for the year.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

All classes will be held on the Thursday before the Guild meeting. Our goal is to have completed class projects - no UFO's. You'll be able to bring your projects for Show & Tell!

Location: Pharr South, 1402 Cage, Pharr, TX

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch/drink or go to nearby restaurants

Class Price: \$20.

Some classes will require pre-cutting and some will require special supplies at a small additional price.

Supply Lists are available online.

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

Sign-up for Schoolhouse Classes

More information for each class is available at [Schoolhouse - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild \(rgvqg.com\)](http://Schoolhouse - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild (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.

Military Service Quilts

Twenty quilts were presented recently to veterans working at a juvenile facility. They were very well received. Ten more were given to veterans at Llano Grande. Check our Facebook site for these and some other recent quilt presentations. There are bundled quilts ready to be quilted. Please consider helping out this way.

Also Lucy Klaas will be stepping down at the end of the year. It's very rewarding and we hope someone will be willing to take over. Think and pray on it, if you think you might be interested.



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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.

Membership Information

by Debbie Williams

The 2024 membership season is in full swing. Currently there are 217 paid members which is slightly ahead of where we were last year, same time. With your help, we are seeing several

new members join our guild. We are also having inactive members make the decision to join again in 2024. Please bring your friends to the monthly meetings so that they can see what the guild is all about!

How do you know if you have paid your 2024 dues?

- * 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.
- * If your new Memid # begins with 240xxx you will know you are current.

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. 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.

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.

Please email Debbie Williams at membership@Rgvqg.com if you need assistance.

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)

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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.

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Recent reports received for 187 items, 1539 hours and a value of \$11,157.75. It's great to be part of such a generous group!

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

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

2024 Retreats

Friendship Star - March 11 - 15, 2024

Bluebonnet Friends - March 17 - 21, 2024

Friendship Star is in the books and
Bluebonnet Friends is ongoing.

Check our Facebook site for pictures of some of the beautiful things being worked on.

We have dates for 2025 with no increase in retreat fee:

Friendship Star - March 10-14, 2025

Bluebonnet Friends - March 16-20, 2025

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 their own bathroom. There is also a kitchen, living room and washer and dryer
4. The meals begin at dinner on day of arrival, next three days -3 meals and 1 snack, 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 opportunity

6. You must: (1) bring a power cord with a surge protector and a flashlight (2) ARRANGE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION (3) Bring Emergency Information sheet, envelopes will be provided. A packet containing maps and detailed information will be available, at a later date, on the Guild's website, rgvqg.com (members only).

The final rooming roster will be sent to the Ranch on February 10th and from that point, if you are unable to attend, no money will be refunded unless a member from the Wait List takes the place as the 48 places reserved must be paid to the ranch in full. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

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Bee News

None reported this month.

RGV Quilt Show

RGV Quilt Show 2024

The 2024 RGV Quilt Show is finally in our collective rear-view mirror! As always there were issues to be dealt with, including lots and rain and the causeway being closed for several hours on Saturday morning. Despite all that the show was a success, and we raised more money than we did last year. The winners of the Opportunity Quilt, wall hanging, and quilted bag went away thrilled. The quilt chosen for the "Best of Show" was amazing and the quilt chosen by the Birding Center for the "most fun" lived up to its name. At our final meeting, the 2024 Show Board voted to provide \$8,000 to the guild to support future activities for our guild members.

2025

Great plans already in the works judging by these 2 flyers. Rolie, the armadillo will be our mascot.



2025 Challenge

The challenge is to create a fiber piece that showcases the diversity of Texas.

This must be an original piece and should not include any breakable embellishments. The size is limited to a maximum of 72" perimeter. If it's a circle or odd shape the diameter shouldn't exceed 18".

Can't wait to see everyone's imagination for this one, have fun!!



Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice.

Programs

By Jan Rondeau

In April we will be joined by Terriann 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.

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.



Sign Up at 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. 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 **text (best) or call my cell phone at (956) 578-3352** or via email

agonzalez@nplexusrgv.com. I work at North Park Lexus RGV and they have agreed to partner with me in collecting quilts for this campaign. We are 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 above 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 complimentary Starbucks coffee and a free cookie in our Cafe!



RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2024

No minutes, garage sale at Casa Del Sol.

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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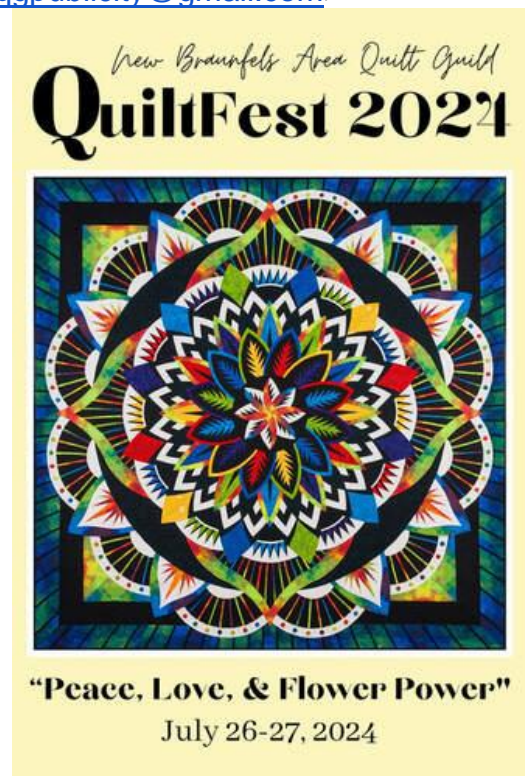
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https://www.instagram.com/new_braunfels_quiltfest_2024/

We would love it if you would share our event with your quilt guild and community. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Happy quilting,

Michelle Womack
<nbaqqpublicity@gmail.com>



Good afternoon,

On behalf of the New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild, I would like to personally invite your members to join us for QuiltFest 2024. This year's show will take place July 26th-27th from 10:00AM-5:00PM at the New Braunfels Convention Center at [375 S Castell Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130](#).

QuiltFest 2024 will include more than 150 quilts, demonstrations, vendors, special presentations, raffle quilt, Emporium (our popular thrift store), and more! This year's theme is "Peace, Love, and Flower Power" so throw on your favorite hippy gear and join in the fun!

You can find more information about our guild and show on our website or social media pages linked below.

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas

2024 Quilt Showcase

Friday,
May 3rd,
2024
10 am - 4 pm

Saturday,
May 4th,
2024
10 am - 3 pm



Quilts
Vendors
Door Prizes
Food
Raffle Baskets
Quilts for Sale
QOV Ceremony
on Saturday

Admission
\$12
Good both days

Fort Bend County Fair Grounds
4310 Highway 36 S.
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

For more information, please visit our website at www.cpqgtx.org