



RGVQG News

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President's Threads That Bind

I have a big Thank You for Debbie Williams who was so gracious to fill in for me at the last meeting on very short notice. I am so grateful for her help.

Some Bees have been making Military Service Quilts and we have two coordinators for the next two sew days in January. However, we have no one to organize the MSQ program. I don't know how the MSQ quilts will be distributed, how unfinished tops will be turned into finished quilts, or who will encourage us to make more of these special quilts for January and forward. We do need a volunteer. More than one person can organize this, like a team of two or a Bee. Please consider it. Call me if you have questions. There are a couple of other volunteer positions which need to be filled, too, such as Lower Valley Beekeeper.

Josie has some exciting Programs for us to see coming soon. Schoolhouse classes this year sound interesting and useful. Check them out and sign up early to secure your spot.

I am so delighted to see quilt pictures on the Guild Facebook page. My, several of you have been very busy. It's fun to learn and use a new skill, make a new block and have fun exploring new quilting combinations.

So, from Texas, ya'll have fun stitchin' on! May safe travels and happy stitches come your way!

Diana Wolf, President

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Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon/Kathe Letulle

In June and July cards were sent to Edna Butler, out of the hospital from heart surgery and Kathe Letulle, knee replacement. We don't have current addresses for Yvonne Hylander who suffered a broken hip and Barbara Thompson who died. If anyone has their addresses, please send to Sunshine.

If you have anyone who needs a Sympathy Card, Get Well Card, or Thinking of You card from the RGV Quilt guild, please contact me at sunshine@rgvqg.com giving me the name and a little information or type of card.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

We're working on some fun, helpful and interesting classes for the upcoming Schoolhouse Season! Most of the classes will be held on the Thursday following the Guild meeting. However, in February and March, due to conflicts with the Quilt Show and Retreat, they will be held on the Thursday before the Guild meeting.

As usual, classes will be from 9 - 3, at Pharr South, in their spacious sewing room. We're beginning a bit earlier than usual, with a class in October. You may bring your lunch or go out to several nearby restaurants or fast-food places.

All the classes are not definite at this point, but on-line sign up will be available soon, and class samples will be ready by the August meeting.

October 17 - Vicki Guerra
Clip Cushion

November 14 - Erica Barron
3D Teacup & Saucer

December 19 - Diana Wolf
Featherweight Spa Day

January 16 - Joy Paugh
Fun Faces! (raw-edge applique)

February 6 - Cassino Richardson
Quilting Tips, Shortcuts & Techniques

March 6 - TBA

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

As of the June Guild meeting, we had a total of 232 members. This is down slightly from the 240 total members that we had in 2023.

It is always very encouraging when we see new members join and often times it can be attributed to our long term members bringing new friends to our Guild. For everyone that has helped with this, I would like to extend a huge thank you.

We have speakers planned for every month through the summer, and with Zoom, even those of you that have returned to your home up North, you can still join in the fun and learn from our speakers.

Your 2024 Guild Membership is valid through the end of December 2024. I know that many of you question whether you are current with your membership. Please rest assured, if you are receiving the monthly Newsletter and Meeting Notifications, then you are current through the end of December.

If you typically renew your membership early online, please note that on July 1st, the form is set to give you the following notice:

"Please come back in October to Renew or Sign-Up for 2025 Membership (includes October 2024 - December 2025). You may attend guild meetings July - September as a guest.

On October 1st and at the October guild meeting I will be accepting membership renewals once again.

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

Military Service Quilts

There are bundled quilts ready to be quilted. Please consider helping out this way. Two Sew Days have been scheduled in January; watch for more information!

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.

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.

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.

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

Treasurer Notes!

In the Executive Board meeting for June, the following 3 motions were approved:

- To re-invest the guild's CD that will mature in September,
- to purchase an additional CD (purchased 6/06/2024),
- to apply for a credit card to use in lieu of the guild's debit cards. (application filed 6/06/2024)

The three transactions will result in approximately \$2200 revenue annually.

Sales Tax Exemption

Just a Reminder! For those of you wanting to use the Guild's tax-exempt status when making purchases for those special projects, the exemption is supplier-specific meaning that you need a separate document for each supplier. Just contact your treasurer via email, text, phone, or old-fashioned snail mail to obtain the required documentation.

Community Service

by Chris Cowan

Recent reports received for 319 items, 3130 hours and a value of \$24,078.

It's great to be part of such a generous group! Remember you can report online or print a donation form and mail it to me.

We need to update the online site. If you can go to the locations by city and see if we need to remove or add locations and let us know so we can get it up to date, it would be greatly appreciated!

Retreat News

by Kathe Letulle

2025 RETREAT DATES

Friendship Star - March 10 - 14, 2025

Bluebonnet Friends - March 16 - 20, 2025

At the June Guild Meeting, we had two more Wait-List Sign ups. As we all know, Life Happen and everyone has a chance to go to retreat at one time or another. If you have any idea about attending retreat - just text, phone or email to get your name on the wait list.

The Retreat Shirts (golf style with collar) are available to pre-order at \$30 each and must be pre-paid. Red for Friendship Star and Royal Blue for Bluebonnet. If you wish to order a Retreat shirt, either e-mail or text message with your size, then mail a check made out to me - Kathe Letulle. The first order will go in October 1, 2024, so the shirts can be ordered in bulk and they will be delivered once they are embroidered. The next order date will be January 1, 2025 and delivery will be at retreat (or maybe sooner). All attendees are asked to wear a red or blue shirt one day during the appropriate retreat. It is nice to see that one color for the day.

Have a very blessed day!

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

Blessings,
Kathe Letulle

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RGV Quilt Show

By Renee Darkis

2025

I'm SO excited to report we have reached 10% of the raffle sales goal already. Our goal is \$4500. If every member sells or buys just 4 sets each we can reach our goal! This is the major fundraising effort to support scholarships, educational programs and our charity work. Let's make this a great success. **BREAKING NEWS** The person who sells the most tickets will win 12 hand dyed fat quarters. We are looking for events during the summer where we can sell tickets. Call me if you have an event in your park or town that will let us sell tickets.

I am happy to welcome Carmen Avila as the chair for the Boutique booth at the quilt show. Please support her efforts. The boutique is the other major portion of quilt show profit. Last year the Boutique brought in \$4000 thanks to your efforts.

Welcome to Debbie Williams as the volunteer coordinator for the show.

Lots of things are happening. Be sure to check out the website for updates.

Challenges

This year as in the past there are two challenges that are begging for your ideas. Let's put on those thinking caps and get started. Have fun creating! I can hardly wait to see what you make.

2025 Chair's Choice

Chairs Choice will require an element of the Mexican culture in the Valley. This could represent colors, designs or holidays. Any size as long as it does not exceed the maximum perimeter of 480 inches. On the entry form Please include an explanation of what inspired you and the origin of the quilt.

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!!



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A colorful poster for the 43rd Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show. The background is blue with confetti. At the top, it says "43rd Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show 'Texas Fiesta' Celebrating the Diversity of Texas February 14-15, 2025". Below that, it lists the location: "South Padre Island Convention Center 7355 Padre Blvd. South Padre Island, TX". Admission information: "Admission: Adults - \$10 a day or \$15 both days, Teens 13-18 - \$5 per day, Children 12 and under are FREE". It also lists activities: "Hundreds of Quilts, Opportunities to Win, Quilt Appraisals, Quilts for Sale, Silent Auction, Shopping & More!". At the bottom, it says "Check us out at rgvqg.com" and "Presented by the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild, a non-profit organization". There is a Facebook logo and a small illustration of an armadillo.

Boutique News

By Carmen Avila

The bees of the Queen City Hive will be swarming to help with this adventure I have plunged into leading. Although "leading" maybe a misnomer because we are a group of ladies that all have "leadership" qualities and have chosen to come together for greater causes. So, I leave titles aside and invite all RGVQG members to join us. Some of you maybe be helping with offering great ideas, others with fabric and notions, and yet others with finished products to sell at the boutique. So... I roughly lay out a starting [working] plan for you.

1. Have each Bee and/or member pledge/commit - in writing- to donating items.
2. Have each Bee and/or member pledge/commit - in writing- to volunteer to work the Boutique. This can be from a minimum of 3-4 hours to full show days. Your physical ability and availability will determine this.
3. TBD
4. TBD....

We all have very good intentions and will be quick to offer our help but, writing will solidify the offer and will help me to know who will be doing what. I do much better when I have something written to help me remember.

A pledge/commitment form for volunteers to complete will be on in the coming weeks.

As mentioned at the guild meeting, please be mindful of the quality of your donations, ensure that items are clean and free of offensive orders, price the items, visit prior bulletin newsletter for items that sell well.

I thank you in advance for your contribution to this.

Bee News

Queen City Bee

By Josie McVey

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Excitement and joy are found at the Queen City Beehive. The ladies have been making use of the donated fabric to quilt Baby Quilts for a local church in the community. We are paying it forward!!

We gather to heal, grow, create and nourish friendships as we measure, cut and stitch.

Josie, Estela and Flora have guided the younger bee members as they learn to stitch a uniform block or square, make a sandwich and a quilt top. Some take their time in the process and others focus diligently as they finish gifts for loved ones.

Several of us came in without a background in sewing and some with much experience. We talk, we laugh, and yes, we have cried too. But the joy, compassion, solidarity and willingness to help someone is the honey that has helped our group be strong and help others with greater needs and less fortunate. As we create our quilts we forget and leave aside our sorrows and problems; **we simply began to see the blessings!**

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice.



Programs

By Josie McVey

I want to thank the members of our Guild for sharing their talents with us.

If you would be interested in recommending a speaker for lecture or an instructor for a class, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Programs Schedule is as follows:

August 10, 2024 - Lecture by Betty Chouinard - How Did You Make That?

September 14, 2024 - Lecture by Pat Cooper - Quilts and Art Quilts, a Continuum

October 11 & 12, 2024 - Class & Lecture by Joyce Teng - Fabric Inking 101- Dreamed Flower Field

November 9, 2024 - Lecture by Dr. Lisa Irby - Color Theory

December 14, 2024 - Zoom Lecture by Emily Bailey with Aunt Em's Quilts

Be encouraged to attend the classes, when available, and the lecture presentations at our Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Meetings.

For September 14th at our Guild Meeting we will have a lecture presentation by another member of our Guild, Pat Cooper, sharing her talents with us. Pat will be sharing on Art Quilting.

On October 11th and 12th we will have Joyce Teng with TSC Designs teach a class on Fabric Inking where we will learn techniques to create a colorful harmony using Tsukineko inks.

On December 14th we will have Emily Bailey, with Aunt Em's Quilts, provide a lecture presentation on "Discover the Possibilities Hidden in Your Scraps." We will learn strategies to find and use

your scraps. Explore how color and value affect your quilts.

Friendship Day has been moved to January, 2025. We are in need of a Bee and/or a group of ladies willing to take care of this very worthwhile event. The purpose is to generate membership for the guild and at the same time create an environment where quilters get together, perhaps learn something new, and plan and prepare to enjoy the new year ahead quilting with friends! Please let us know if your Bee or a group of you would be interested in helping Chair this event.

Day 1 Bags

Great news from Alyssa Gonzalez, our District coordinator, we have exceeded the 15 quilts promised!! She has already received 24 quilts. If you have one started, you are ahead of the game for next year. You can contact her, **text (best) or call her cell phone at (956) 578-3352** or via email agonzalez@nplexusrqv.com.

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

 DAY 1 BAGS

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, 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

RGVQG General Meeting

Minutes

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD

July 13, 2024

Our meeting was called to order by vice president, Debbie Williams. Debbie will be presiding over our meeting in Diana Wolf's absence.

Josie McVey introduced our speaker for the day. Joy Paugh gave us a remarkably interesting presentation on Creative Stitching and collage quilting. She mentioned that she is giving a class to do "Faces" quilts in January 2025. There are still some spots available. She gave a great class.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Debbie Williams said we have 42 people present, 14 on Zoom and 1 guest.

She talked about having a contest to get new members. We will be able to win a free program class. It would start in October 2024 for the 2025 season.

2024 Quilt Show Audit - Kathe Letulle - The audit went well with no problems.

Retreats - Kathe Letulle - Both retreats are full, and both have wait lists.

Treasurer - Mike Hall - The report will be placed on file for audit.

Quilt Show - Renee Darkis - The planning is on schedule. Renee has made a wall hanging for the second-place winner for the Opportunity Quilt. Carmen Avila has volunteered to Chair the Boutique. Renee stated that she still needs a chairperson for the Opportunity Quilt tickets and drawing. She will be getting a professional photo taken of the Opportunity Quilt to show when we are selling the tickets.

Programs - Josie McVey - Josie said our program for August "How Did You Make That?" by Betty Chouinard.

Community Service - Chris Cowan - Please fill out the forms online or give me the forms in person at our meeting. I need the information so I can let everyone know how busy we have been.

Newsletter - Chris Cowan - Please get your articles to me as soon as possible as I will be busy at the end of the week.

Webmaster and Jot forms - Bonnie Hall - Bonnie has increased our Jot Forms so we can get more forms online if we need.

Secretary's Report - Lila Helm - Heather Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Carrah Maney.

We congratulated Bonnie Hall for getting a quilt accepted into the Houston Quilt Show.

Fat Quarter Drawing - Carrah Maney and Melissa Bradley - They are still using fat quarters that were donated to the guild when The Block Away closed. They took in \$39 today.

Door Prizes - Elaine Hall -

Show and Tell - Everything is awesome. So much talent in our group!

Kathe Letulle made a motion to adjourn seconded by Lynne Johnson. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned.

Secretary - Lila Helm



<http://www.newbraunfelsareaquiltguild.org/quiltfest-2024.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064907431765&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

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,

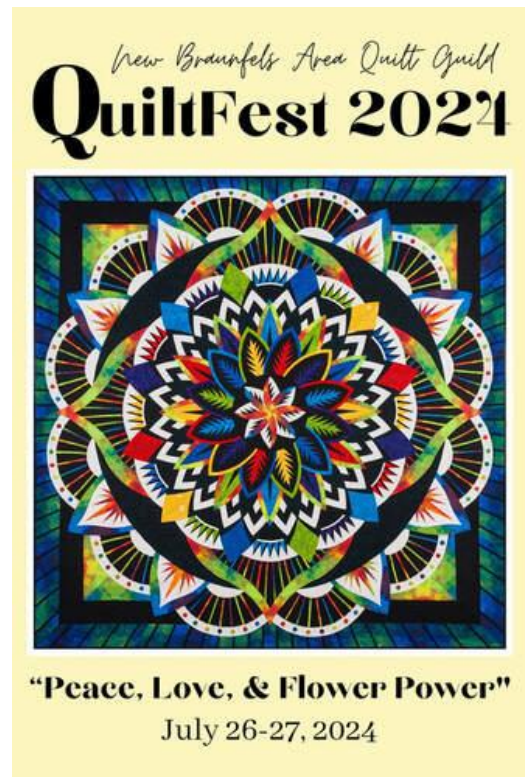
Michelle Womack
<nbaqqpublicity@gmail.com>

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.



Red River
Quilters

2024 Quilt Show

*The Roaring 20's
A Second Time
Around*

September 13-14

Show Times: Fri. 9am - 6 pm
Sat. 9am - 4 pm

Admissions:
\$10.00 Ages 11 through adult
\$5.00 5 to 10
Free Under 5



Moon Glow

86" x 86" Donation Quilt Designed by Jinny Beyer
Featuring Fabrics from the Jinny Beyer Palette Collection
Tickets \$5 (Limited Number Available!)
Drawing on September 14 at the end of the Show
(You need not be present to win)

200+ Quilts Door Prizes
Demonstrations Merchant Mall
Silent Auction of Quilted Items

Featured Quilter: Hilda Williams

Special Exhibit: Hoffman Challenge 2023

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