



RGVQGG News

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President's Threads That Bind

We are so looking forward to cooler weather and the return of our friends from the north. Please travel safely so we can see you soon.

If you didn't attend the last meeting, you missed much inspiration for projects. Adapt a little of this, add a bit of that and you have an original project! What fun!

There are some fascinating Program classes coming. The Program on Color Theory will help any attendee plan better quilts.

Dale Shafer has some very interesting Schoolhouse Classes for this year. Be sure to look them over and plan to attend some.

Events related to our Quilt Show coming more quickly. We all need your participation making items for the Boutique. Plan your theme for Totes and More. The Totes will be supplied to you. There is so much imagination in this Guild and it is always interesting to see what you do.

Shameless plug - If you have your Featherweight machine up north, bring it with you if you plan to attend the Featherweight Spa Day Schoolhouse class in December. It and you will be happier when it runs more smoothly. Singer suggests at least annual maintenance. Learn how to do it yourself. Why spend money on it? You can have the power to do it!

Safe travels as you return.

Keep on stitchin'!

Diana Wolf, President

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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@rgvqg.com

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

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 - TBD

March 6 - Suzanne Brennan
Pockets A Plenty tote bag

Note: Please be advised that there will be a different class set up for February, 2025. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Cassino will be unable to come to the Valley this winter, so her class had to be cancelled.

Most of the Schoolhouse 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, the classes will be held on the Thursday before the Guild meeting.

All classes will be from 9:00-3:00, at Pharr South, 1402 S. Cage, in their spacious sewing room. You may bring your lunch or go out to one of the nearby fast-food restaurants.

Sign up for the classes is ready now, along with pictures and supply lists (Thank You, Bonnie!). You may also see the class samples at the Guild meetings. Some of the classes will require pre-class work.

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

Your membership dues are one of the largest income generators for the guild each year. As of October 1st (online) and at the October 12th Guild Meeting, I will begin taking dues for the 2025 year. Your 2024 membership dues will carry you through the end of December 2024, but many of you like to pay early, and not have to worry about it during the holidays.

As you may already know, the board has decided to extend a Membership Contest which is designed to encourage you to identify potential *New* members, as well as *Returning* members to join for 2025.

In order to participate, you need to be a paid member for 2025. As long as you pay your 2025 dues by the February meeting, you may participate.

A "New" member is someone who has never been a member of the RGV Quilt Guild. They could have been a visitor, but not a paid member. A "Returning" member is someone who was a guild member previously, but NOT in 2024. They let their membership lapse for at least one year.

For each New or Returning member you bring to the guild for 2025 will earn you one credit. The 2025 Guild member that brings the most number of New or Returning members combined, will receive a coupon for one free Program Class (value of \$45) that can be used during 2025 or 2026.

The form online and the form that is used at the meetings will have a place for your name to be filled in as the "Referring Member". In order to get credit for each of your referrals you need to be sure that this is filled in. This will be your responsibility. On February 28th, the contest will close and the tally will be made. The coupon will be awarded at the March meeting.

If you have any questions concerning this contest, please email Debbie Williams at membership@rgvqg.com

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 2024 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.

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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

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

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

This month report, 233 items, 828 hours, \$6003 value.

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 Happens 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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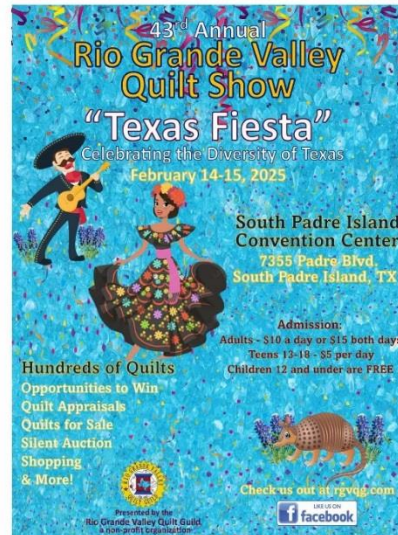
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RGV Quilt Show

By Renee Darkis

2025



Looking for new quilts from old things. That's the idea behind the new recycled/upcycled category. It's an opportunity to share those quilts that just can't compete with that brand new thousand pieces quilt that is in the same category.

I also hope that you will consider making a jacket out of recycled things. That would be beautiful. I have seen so many ideas on pinterest lately. I saw a vest of doilies that was gorgeous!

The guidelines are on the website. Please check them out.

Remember we need **your** quilt to make our show shine.

Opportunity quilt ticket sales

Sales are going well. As you may have seen there is a great picture of the quilt on Facebook and on the website. As of this newsletter we have sold \$765 in tickets and \$20 in donations. Sell, sell, sell. This is one of the main fundraisers and we need everyone to participate. If each member sells 4 books of ticket we will meet our goal!

Have fun quilting.

Renee

Allison Rainboth will return as our appraiser for the 2025 show. She is looking forward to working with us for this show as she was unable to come last year! Read the article on page 9 written by Debi Warner for Quilt Hub before her passing. It clearly lays out the reasons for having a quilt appraised!

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.

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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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ATTENTION!

The first donation has been received for the 2025 Silent Auction. I will admit that it is not in FIESTA colors, but it is a bucket list item for many sewists and quilters! This is a 1947 Singer Featherweight in excellent condition, with a case with an original tray and foot pedal. This machine will come with:

- a vintage manual,
- bobbins,
- a box of attachments including a $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot,
- a walking foot
- appropriate Featherweight grease and machine oil
- thread holder to allow use of cross wound threads
- screw drivers
- and other goodies.

There will be a reserve price which has not been decided yet!

This machine sews like a dream! In the past, a gift certificate for a Featherweight workshop has been available to bid on as well!

Totes n More



This beautiful Red Hat Ladies theme bag is just waiting to be claimed and filled for Totes n More! The show committee welcomes any other great totes too!

Bee News

The Queen City Bees is a beautiful group with about 27 members who get together on the first and third Sundays of the month from 1 to 5 p.m. in Weslaco. They love to see their members stay active with the bee and join the Rio Grande Quilt Guild! The members support the guild by sewing items for the boutique, donating quilts for children, and selling their Quilt Raffle tickets.

Unfortunately, they are not accepting new members since they have reached the maximum occupancy in the building. The meeting starts with a quick business meeting, followed by a fantastic show-and-tell session where we admire each other's beautiful work, such as quilts, bags, aprons, and adult bibs. We also played chalupa and enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch together.

By selling quilt raffle tickets, making quilts to donate, and sewing items for the boutique, the Queens City Bees motivate themselves to be as involved as possible.

Thank you very much,
Florea Flores

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice.



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's Note

The Guild's Bank of America 7-month CD matured on September 12th, earning a total of \$564.24 in interest. The CD closed on September 13th and the funds were reinvested in a new 7-month \$20,564.24 CD (4.51% interest rate) with a maturity date of April 13, 2025. The projected earnings will be approximately \$550.00.

Programs

By Josie McVey

We are in need of a person or two, A Bee, to consider signing up to do Friendship Day. This is a fun event for the Guild members, a time to come together and bring friends who may want to join our Guild. Please be encouraged to take on this worthwhile event.

On Friday, October 11, 2024 we look forward to having Joyce Teng deliver a class, Dreamy Flower Field: Fabric Inking. We will learn to create wildly colorful flower fields on white fabric and inspire the artist within. Participants will learn six techniques to create a colorful harmony using Tsukineko Inks. This will be a hands-on experience. The fee for the kit is \$30.00.

On Saturday, October 12, 2024 Joyce Teng will provide a lecture presentation on "Create Enchantive Fabric with Washable Tsukineko Inks."

On Saturday, November 9, 2024 we look forward to having Dr. Lisa Irby provide a Color Theory Lecture: Color Splash—May I Complement You? Dr. Irby's aim through this presentation is to heighten our love of color and embolden us to take a dare and explore the full spectrum of the beauty of color. To stretch our imagination about what works well and see what else might work, also.

On Friday, December 13, 2024 we have Betty Chouinard teaching a class on a Mini Plaid-ish Quilt (scrappy).

On Saturday, December 14, 2024 we will have a zoom lecture presentation by Emily Bailey with Aunt Em's Quilts on "Discover the Possibilities Hidden in Your Scraps."

On Friday, January 10, 2025 we will have Sue Heinz provide a workshop on "Caffeinated Quilting." This workshop is based on her latest book by the same title. Sue Heinz is the owner of Kismet Quilting LLC, and the author of two Drawn to Mastery series workbooks, Fill Harmonics, Elemental Designs. She has also developed a range of innovative and easy-to-use marking tools and quilting rulers.

On Saturday, January 11, 2025 Sue Heinz will have a lecture presentation on "You've Got a Friend Named Elmer."

On Saturday, March 8, 2025 we look forward to having the RUMMAGE SALE at Casa del Sol in Donna, chaired by Nancy Malmin. Let's come together and assist Nancy with organizing, setting up, and gathering items that will become someone else's treasures.

On April 11 & 12, 2025 we will have a class and lecture presentation by an upcoming Guild member, Erica Barron, she is full of Energy, Enthusiasm, and Excited to share her talent. Final arrangements pending.

On May 10, 2025 we will have a zoom presentation by Kathie Beltz. Her zoom lecture presentation: Easy Color For Quilters. If confused by the color wheel? Do you know how to use the color wheel to choose colors for your quilts? This lecture breaks down all the technical color terms into easy, everyday English so that any quilter can understand them. Then those terms are related directly to quilts during the trunk show. Once you understand the basics, you can apply them to your quilts and watch them sparkle!

As of now we only have February and July, 2025 available to get presenters and/or instructors for a class. We welcome any and all suggestions that you may want to offer.

Please go on our Guild website, rgvqg.com, and read up on the presenters/instructors and support our Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild by signing up for the Program and Schoolhouse classes. Let's come together and share what we know and learn something new.

Day 1 Bags

Our guild will be committing to donate quilts again for 2025. Quantity is still to be determined. If you would like to participate let Bonnie Hall or Alyssa Gonzalez know. You can contact Alyssa, **text (best) or call her cell phone at (956) 578-3352** or via email agonzalez@nplexusrqv.com.

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD

September 14, 2024

President, Diana Wolf, called the meeting to order. Diana introduced our speaker, Pat Cooper, in Josie McVey's absence. It was a great presentation on the Upper Valley Art League projects. They are a talented group of fiber artists.

After break, Diana informed us that there are several bundled MSQ quilts that need to be quilted and bound laying on the stage in front of her. Please take one home and finish it up. MSQ still needs a chairperson.

Our next general meeting in October will be at Casa del Sol.

We have some committees that still need a chairperson. Friendship Day needs a chairperson or even a group. If this position cannot be filled, we will not be having Friendship Day. Military Service Quilts still needs a chair. We need a chair for Lower Valley Bee Keeper also.

Membership, Debbie Williams, we had 19 attendees on Zoom and 47 in person attendees, no guests. We can renew our membership starting October 1st for the 2025 year. We are having a contest this year to see who can get the most new and renewing members signed up. The Form for this is on the membership form. The prize is a gift certificate to a Program Class of your choice. Secretary, Lila Helm, A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, motion passed. Report will be filed as printed.

Community Service, Chris Cowan, is getting some reports back of services that have been done. Please fill out these forms and get them back to her. This is necessary to keep our nonprofit status. She received reports for 231 items for 828 hours with a value of \$6,003.

Newsletter, Chris Cowan, she welcomes reports or articles from any guild member, and she will try to fit it in the newsletters.

Programs, Diana gave the report in Josie's absence. There is a table set up with all the information on what has been scheduled.

Quilt Show 2025, Renee Darkis, Ticket sales for the Opportunity Quilt has reached almost \$1,000. She still needs a chairperson for the Opportunity Quilt ticket sales. The Opportunity Quilt ticket sales will be at Sam's in Harlingen in October and November, dates to be announced. Totes and More still needs a chairperson also. Laurie Magee has donated a Singer Featherweight machine for the silent auction. Carman Avila, Boutique chairperson, is asking for donations. She talked about items that sell well.

Treasurer, Mike Hall, is working on next year's budget. Income is up about \$200, expenses are right on target. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Upper Valley Bees, Florea Flores, announced that she needs to know if you do not want to have a picture of your work posted on Facebook please let her know. She visited some of the Bees and she has a report ready for the newsletter.

Facebook, Carman Avila said we have more members on Facebook than we have in the guild. Some have been grandfathered in, but do we really have that many? She is getting this resolved.

Name tags, Kathe Letulle, if you still need a nametag the prices are going up January 1st. Retreats, Kathe Letulle states that they are full with waiting lists.

Schoolhouse, Dale Shafer, please sign up for our classes. Cassino will not be down this season, so Dale is working on a replacement.

Fat Quarter Draw, Carrah Maney stated she made \$46 today. This is all profit because the fat quarters are still those donated by A Block Away!

Motion to adjourn by Edna, motion seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Lila Helm

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

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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 unique in idea, construction, etc. These quilts generally have no market equivalent and might appraise at a higher value than expected. Labor-intensive 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 it differently if a certified appraisal statement was packed with it? I think we know the answer is, "Yes!"

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