

RGVQG Newsletter (short version)

February 2025

Due to the Quilt Show, only this short version is being posted. There is a special Quilt Show newsletter that is currently posted on our website and will be sent along with this. There is also a Show treasurer report on our website. It will be updated after this week's board meetings.

Swap and Shop Sale

The Swap and shop will be **Saturday March 8th** instead of our regular meeting. Location 1112 S Rio Rico RD, Mercedes, TX 78570. Fellowship room. Doors will open to public at 9:00 to noon. Same as last year.

All vendors to help set up tables according to floor plan. Floor plan will be labeled with a number and your name. All vendors must wear a name tag and you get 1 helper with a name tag. Each table gets 2 chairs. All vendors may arrive as early as 8:00 a.m. to set up their tables and merchandise. Use south side door to enter. One table per vender required payment of \$5.00 per table and \$1.00 for a helper at time of sign-up. Cash, check in person or credit card on line. Remember space and tables are limited. I have asked Rosemary Kramer and Pat Locnikar to be co-chair persons with this event.

Nancy Malmin

Membership

Current 2025 membership of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild is 216. All membership numbers this year start with the first 3 digits being 250, so if you notice your membership number starts with those numbers you can be confident you're registered.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership and are reaping the benefits of being in our guild.

Kris Driscoll

Military Service Quilts

A great big thank you to all that participated in the sew days. January 15th at Trophy Gardens doors opened at 9:00 for all sewing, cutting, pressing and bundling. 41 ladies and 1 gentleman attended. Snacks and lunch were served. Resulting in 31 quilt tops bundled that are now ready for quilting. Which we desperately need as we have none ready to give out. Thank you, Lucy and all at Trophy Gardens that made this happen.

January 22 was the second sew day at Snow and Sun RV Park in Weslaco. Doors opened at 9:00 for all helpers, sewers, cutters and pressers. 11 large quilt tops were sewn and ready to be bundled. Lunch was served and enjoyed by all. Thank you, Linda and helpers at Snow

and Sun.

Thank you to all that made these sew days enjoyable.

News flash Trophy Gardens has agreed to host a Military sew day next year January 14, 2026.

Nancy and Rosemary

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Diana Wolf called our meeting to order a little after 9. She explained some of the rules for our meeting to make clean up faster.

Diana installed our three new officers, Lynn Johnson for first vice-president, membership chair, Chris Cowan for third vice-president, community service chair and Mike Hall, treasurer.

Bonnie Hall gave us a brief description about attaching a hanging sleeve on the back of our quilts we want to put in the show.

She explained where they needed to be and where to place the sleeve on a very large quilt so that it won't be touching the floor. She also gave pointers on how to fold your entries so the number is easier to find. She gave the dates for drop-offs and pickups for our entries.

Treasure's report - Mike Hall-placed on file for audit.

Secretary's report - Lila Helm-will be filed as printed.

Quilt Show Chair - Renee Darkis - She started her report by letting us know there will be mobility carts available for rent by the hour or by the day. There will also be a golfcart in the parking lot to pick you up and bring you to the convention center. We will have a scissors guy at the show to sharpen your scissors. Still looking for someone to do appraisals. Quilts will be hung starting at 7:30 am Thursday and takedown starts at 4 pm Saturday. Debbie Williams has her volunteer slots all filled except for one. She thanked everyone who has stepped up and volunteered. If you are a volunteer, stop by her station and pick up your packet so you can get access to the show. Opportunity Quilt sales are within \$100 of goal.

Reports

Membership - Kris Drisco;; - 92 members present, 3 guests. Membership contest winner is Josie McVey. She signed up 9 new members! Her sewing group is going to raffle the ticket she won to raise more money.

Military Service Quilts - Rosemay Kramer - report on the two military sew days in January.

Rummage Sale - Tables are still available. Not all of them will be rectangular, some are round. Which committees that might need a table also was discussed.

Beekeeper - No report

Facebook - No report

Advertising - Marsha Santow - Attended some of the Welcome Home Winter Texan Expos.

They will also have an article in their paper.

Schoolhouse - Dale Shafer brought in samples for the March 6th class called Pockets Aplenty. She is actively looking for teachers for next season.

Sunshine and Shadows - No report

Retreats - Full as well as the waiting lists.

Webmaster - Bonnie Hall says we will not have to move to a different website.

Scholarship - Board decision to pause giving scholarships while we investigate some other options to encourage fiber arts and share our talents with Valley residents. Some ideas to consider were guild led adult and youth classes. Volunteers requested to form a committee to do research on continuing our outreach and maintaining our guild goals of education and community service.

Nominating Committee - Debbie Williams - she still has to fill some seats! Let Debbie know if you're interested.

Fat Quarter Draw - Carrah Maney out- no draw.

Community Service - Chris Cowan - she explained why we need you donation information, We need to report this to the IRS to maintain our non-profit status.

Door Prize Drawing - Jean Waufle - Happy winners

Meeting Adjourned.

Secretary Lila Helm