



RGVQG News

March 2025

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President's Threads That Bind

This year's Swap n Shop has come and gone. Some of our Winter Texan friends are migrating back north.

Josie McVey and Dale Schafer have some very good Programs and Schoolhouses planned. I often pick up new tips or new concepts to try.

Help grow our membership. Say hello to someone you don't recognize at the meetings and classes. Expand your circle of quilting buddies.

I've been a bit preoccupied with a situation at home. I'm fine, but others may be presiding at meeting for a while. It's a wait and see thing.

Keep on stitching.

Diana Wolf

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.

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Military Service Quilts

Rosemary Kramer and Nancy Malmin

As of March 8th received back 3 finished full-sized quilts and 1 wheelchair. Also given 3 pieced tops and 2 sewed Star kits. Sent out 6 pre-bundled 60x72 to be quilted. We received some donated material and some backing fabric from Swap and shop vendors and individuals. This week we were given backing fabric from The Busy Bees thank you . Thank you all for your donations they are very much appreciated. We are in desperate need of backing fabric. we have 26 quilts that need a back. Remember you are valued and appreciated.

Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

The 2024 - 2025 Schoolhouse Classes were great this season! We've had a class on the clip cushion, by Vicki Guerra, and one on the 3D teacup and saucer, by Erica Barron, in December, was our Featherweight Spa Day, by Diana Wolf; January, our Fun Faces class, by Joy Paugh, Stitches by Jean Waufle, February, and Pockets a-Plenty Tote by Suzanne Brennan, March.

Be on the lookout for the new great lineup of classes for this coming year. It'll be another chance to learn from our talented friends and guild members as they share their talents and expertise.

It's Official!!
We Moved!!!

Effective December 14, 2024, the Guild began holding our 2nd Saturday meetings in the Sanctuary of the Rio Life Community Church, located at 1112 S Rio Rico Rd, Mercedes, Tx 78570.

Directions from Upper Valley - East on I-2 to Texas Ave exit, east on frontage road & turn right on Texas Ave to Bus 83 & Turn Left. East on Bus 83 to FM 491 (traffic light), turn Right on FM 491, go south on FM 491 approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Church will be on driver's left just south of Tenth St (there is a traffic light at FM 491 and Tenth St)

Directions from Lower Valley - West on I-2 to Mile 1 East exit, west on frontage road & turn left on Mile 1 East. Go south on Mile 1 East to Bus 83 & turn right. Go west on Bus 83 to FM 491(traffic light). Turn left on FM491 & go south approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Church will be on driver's left just south of Tenth St (there is a traffic light at FM 491 and Tenth St)



Membership Information

by Debbie Williams

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Membership chair for the past 2 years. This position has allowed me to become more familiar with many of you and that has been fun. Taking my place are Lynne Johnson / Kris Driscoll...both from Pharr South. These ladies are extremely capable and will do a great job!

Kris Driscoll

for Lynne Johnson, Membership Chair
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.

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.



Informational SMS (text)

Messages

We will be able to send text messages to all our members after they've paid their 2025 dues. If you haven't paid your 2025 dues, you will not get any text messages from RGVQG.

The text messages will be short messages asking you to check your email for additional information, e.g. "Please check your email regarding Saturday's Guild meeting" or "Please check your email regarding this month's Newsletter".

The first text message you get will be like the following: *"Please add +1 833-935-5165 to your contacts as RGVQG. These text messages will be from the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild. Thanks Much bonnie m hall."*

You don't have to wait for the first text message. You can add RGVQG to your contact list now. The first text message will then show up as "RGVQG"

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.

In Memoriam

We want to keep an updated digital slide show for that allows 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.

Retreat News

by *Kathe Letulle*

2025 RETREAT DATES

Friendship Star - March 10 - 14, 2025

Bluebonnet Friends - March 16 - 20, 2025

One in the books and one ongoing!

Be on the lookout for next year's dates!

Blessings,
Kathe Letulle

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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!

January report

97 items, 955 hours, 6,923.75 value

February report

93 items, 349 hours, \$2,530.25 value.

March report

645 items, 7784 hours, \$56,435 value

Fabulous!!! First quarter in and your reporting already has us at over half of last year's total! I can't wait to see what the rest of the year looks like!!

2024 Totals

1950 items, 14,825 hours, \$108,676.50 value

(Official guild record)

Date _____

Donated by _____

Donated to _____

Item	HR VALUE	Qty
Quilts		
Fleece	5	
Baby-Lap-Afghan	7	
Crib-Youth	10	
Twin	30	
Double-Full	40	
Queen-King	50	
Military	30	
Baby		
Caps/Booties	3	
Gowns/Rompers	2	
Burp Cloths/Bibs	2	
Preemie Caps/Blankets	2	
Cancer		
Hats-Bandanas	3	
Pillows	2	
Toys		
Fabric Animals	2	
Dog Bed - Puppy Pillows	2	
WALKER CADDIES	1	
Other		
Pillow Cases	2	
Gift Bags - Book Covers	2	
Walker Caddies	2	
Tote-Purse-Poncho	3	
Fabric (Total Yards)	1	
Notions (Total #)	10/1	
Toiletries (Total #)	25/1	

This is the paper form to report your donations on and I've added the hours each item is counted as. The hours are then multiplied by \$7.25/hr, the going federal minimum wage to determine the value of the donation.

RGV Quilt Show

By Renee Darkis

2026



Quilt Show Links

The following are links to various quilt show information and forms. They will be updated soon to 2026 information.

Register your Quilt this is the form to register your quilt for the show

Quilt Show Facebook Page

2025 Quilt Registration Categories this is information on the categories for the show

Quilt Preparation Guidelines this helps you prepare your quilt for drop-off

2025 Challenge Rules the rules for the challenge quilt category

2025 Chairs Choice the rules for the chairs choice quilt category

Quilt Appraisal Registration the form to get a quilt appraised

Boutique Pledge the form to pledge items for the boutique

Silent Auction Donation the form to donate an item to the silent auction

Quilt Show Committees this is a list of the different quilt show committees, please consider filling a vacant committee.

Volunteer Registration the form to become a volunteer for the quilt show (Feb 14-15, 2025) or any quilt show related activities, e.g. showing opportunity quilt, drop-off, pick-up, etc.

Treasurer Report

The monthly 2024 Treasurer's Reports & the 2025 Budget information are posted to the guild website's Members Only page. You can view these documents by:

Accessing rgvqg.com

Click on the "Members Only" tab

Enter the appropriate password

Scroll down to the bottom of the page

Click on "Treasurer Reports"

Click on the appropriate document

If you have any questions or comments, I can be contacted at

Cell # 740-398-4142

Email rgvqg.treasurer@gmail.com or treasurer@rgvqg.com

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice

Bee News

Meet Kathy Kratz, a passionate quilter and proud member of Mission Bee. After retiring from the Iowa Lottery and holding a teaching degree, Kathy has dedicated the last three wonderful years to the RGV Quilt Guild, where she thrives on volunteering at quilt shows and engaging with various organizations.

Despite the challenges she faced after contracting polio at the age of seven, which affected her left arm, Kathy has not let anything deter her. With determination and creativity, she expertly uses a Fiskars cutting ruler to quilt and cut her fabric. This year, she's excited to showcase her queen-size rag quilt, "Cozy Hedgehogs."



Kathy finds immense joy at quilt shows, reveling in the incredible artistry of the beautiful quilts on display and the amazing vendors.

Outside of quilting, she enjoys volunteering, working with clay, and is an active member of the Upper Valley Art League. Kathy is truly a multi-talented creative, inspiring everyone around her!

Programs

By Josie McVey

Thank you for your support of our classes and Guild meeting attendance. Please check out the RGV Quilt Guild website and Facebook page to keep up with the latest information on the activities and classes taking place. Sign up early for classes and let's continue learning and stretching our growth in the art of quilting.

Classes are held at Pharr South Park, 1402 S Cage Blvd in Pharr, Tx. Classes run from 9 to 3, you may bring your own drink and lunch. Guild Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at Rio Life Community Church, 1112 S Rio Rico Rd, Mercedes, Tx. Meetings start at 9 am.

April 11, 2025 - Class by Betty Chouinard - **Carry On! Travel Bag** now called **The Ultimate Travel Bag**.

April 12, 2025 - Lecture by Betty Chouinard - Simple Ways for Storing Our Stash

May 10, 2025 - Class - Contract Pending

May 11, 2025 - Zoom Lecture by Kathie Beltz - "Easy Color for Quilters"

More information on Class/Lecture Presentations coming soon!

Day 1 Bags

Our guild committed to donate 20 quilts for 2025. 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@nplexusrgv.com.

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD
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March 8, 2025

Rummage sale so no official business to report.

The Swap and Shop Sale event was held at Rio Life Community Church in Mercedes. This replaced our regular business meeting. Michael Hall and my visiting family sat up the tables and chairs on Friday. Saturday vendors were able to come in at 7:30 and all were ready before the 9:00 opening. Signs were placed at the driveway of the church for advertising purposes. We think the advertising flyers that were made and distributed at the Feb meeting help the increase in traffic. 16 Church tables were used, 8 vendors brought their own tables plus 4 extra tables for a total of 28. Break down was started at 10:45 (when traffic stopped coming in) everything was put away and trash out by noon. Thank you for all that participated and helped out.
Nancy and Rosemary

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.

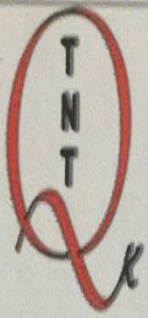
A history of quilt sales by a quilter would also be taken into consideration. Sales receipts for such sales should be given to the appraiser.

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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2025 Quilt Show



Reflections

Traditional ♦ Modern ♦ Fiber Art

May 2-3

Williamson County Expo Center

Fri. 10AM to 5PM — Sat. 10AM to 5PM

5350 Bill Pickett Trail

Admission: \$10 (Children under 12 Free)

Taylor, TX 76574

CTQG



Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild
www.ctquiltguild.org



- Quilts, Quilts & more Quilts
- Special Exhibits
- Vendors
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- Silent Auction
- Granny's Attic
- Free Parking



Rainbow Reflections 79" × 79"
Drawing May 3. Need not be present to win!

Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild Show - Reflections

<https://www.ctquiltguild.org/show.php>

May 2, 10a-5p; May 3, 10a-5p — 2025

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