



RGVQG News

April 2025

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President's Threads That Bind

It is so good to see the Guild coming together for good deeds that extend beyond our membership.

Thanks to the efforts of Josie McVey, Carmen Avila and others we are increasing our membership. Kudos to them!

Many of the Bees have become "green". They are making their quilts, using or passing along their scraps for scrap quilts and when those are completed, passing along the remaining scraps to people who use them again for another charitable purpose. The result is no wasted fabric. What a wonderful way to make use of fabric until nothing is left unused. I hope more efforts like this become evident. If your group has other uses for leftover material scraps, please post on Facebook or share at our Guild meetings.

How many of us plan to go to the Houston Quilt Show? The answer may change who will be our October speaker. Most of our Winter Texans have left so asking at a general meeting would not give us a good answer. Please answer the email blast so we may make the best decision.

Stay cool this summer and have fun!

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.

Military Service Quilts

Rosemary Kramer and Nancy Malmin

Received the beautiful quilt top that was shown at show and tell. 2 finished quilts were turned in this month. Received 2 wheelchair quilts that needed binding, and gave these out to be bound. Talk about fast turnaround. One generous person donated backing fabric. 2 packages of star kits turned in. A big thank you to all that participate.

Anything you need to turn in this summer, at meetings give to Diana Wolf.

Keep sewing your military tops this summer.
60 X 72 or 36 X 42 or 46.

Rosemary Kramer and Nancy Malmin

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.



Membership Information

by Kris Driscoll for Lynne Johnson,

Membership Chair

Current 2025 membership of the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild is 235. 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.

Programming Heads Up !!

This year the Houston Quilt Show has changed its traditional dates and will coincide with the Guild's October Program Class & General Meeting. Soon, a bulk email will be sent to all members polling your current plans regarding your potential attendance at either the class or Saturday meeting. It will be worded in a manner to allow a standard reply with a "Yes or No" response. The results of the poll will permit our program chair to adjust the class and program, if necessary. If you have questions, please contact Josie or Bonnie.

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)

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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.

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.

SOMETHING NEW !!

If you enjoyed shopping at the annual Rummage Sale, you will probably like this. Beginning with the April General meeting, one vendor will have a sampling of their products available for purchase in the foyer of the Rio Life Community Church. Shopping will be available prior to the beginning of the meeting @ 9:00 AM and during the typical 15-



minute break after the program. Prospective vendors can sign-up for a table for the May 2025 - February 2026 meetings on a first come - first serve basis via an email request to:

treasurer@rgvqg.com.

Please use "Vendor Table Registration" in the Subject Line. The vendors will be contacted in the order of receipt and offered their choice of the available dates.

Any questions may be directed via email to:

treasurer@rgvqg.com or to

Mike Hall

@ 740-398-4142

Retreat News

by *Kathe Letulle*

2025 RETREAT DATES

Friendship Star - March 10 - 14, 2025

Bluebonnet Friends - March 16 - 20, 2025

Great time was had by all.

Be on the lookout for next year's dates!

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

1001 Segovia - Mercedes, TX 78570-7100

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Community Service

by *Chris Cowan*

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

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.

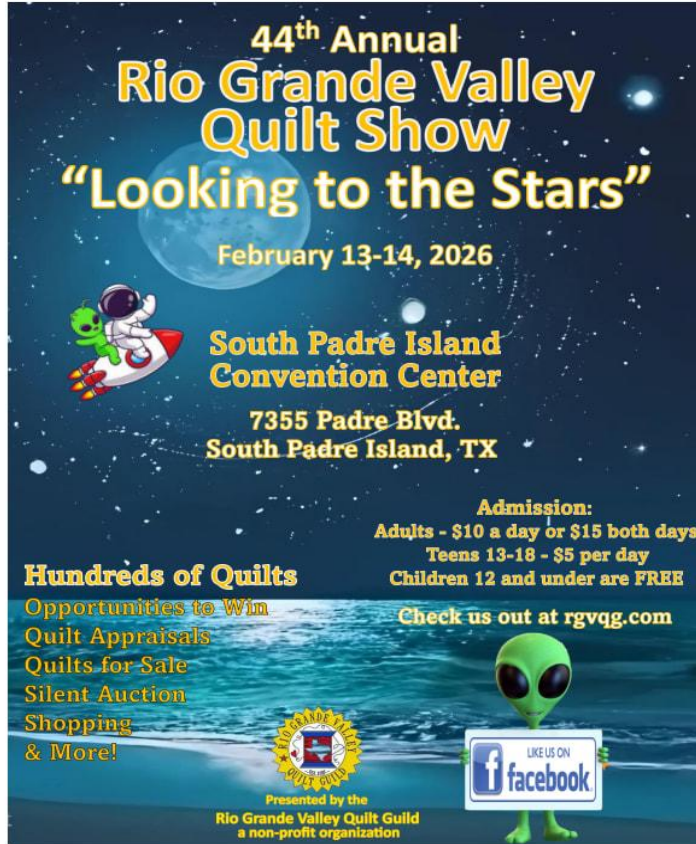
Please go to the locations by city and see if we need to remove or add locations. Let us know so we can get it up to date. It would be greatly appreciated!

This 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.

April: 241 items, 3114.5 hours, \$22,580.13 value

RGV Quilt Show

By Renee Darkis



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

Quilt Challenge & Theme Challenge Guidelines the rules for the Quilt Challenge Theme Challenge categories

Quilt Appraisal Registration the form to get a quilt appraised

Boutique Pledge the form to pledge items for the boutique

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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 March Treasurer's report has been posted to the Members Only page of the Guild's website (rgvqg.com). The treasury has received 94% of the projected annual revenue and there have been no unexpected expenses to date.

The Guild's 7-month CD matured on April 13, 2025 at a value of \$21,109.06, and per the RGVQG Board's authorization, was surrendered to allow re-investment in a new 7-month CD which was purchased on April 14th. The Board also authorized the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Guild's checking account to increase the CD purchase price to \$31,109.06 at a rate of 3.93% with an annual yield of 4%, maturing on November 14, 2025.

The 2025 Budget information & the monthly Treasurer's Reports 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

Respectfully, Mike Hall

Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice

Bee News

Queen City Bee will be sharing our knowledge on Quilting at the Weslaco Library on Thursdays from 5 to 7:30 pm. Let me say that this would not be possible without the Guild's contributions of scraps. We "thank you" for that.

This is our attempt to "Help Build the Next Generation of our Guild." We want to target younger ladies to learn and grow in our passion for quilting.

We ask that you consider donating sewing notions, like scissors, pins, pin cushions, etc.

For the months of June and July we are contemplating being a part of the Weslaco Library Program of Learning, sharing our knowledge of quilting. Our goal is to share with participants our joy for quilting, learn about our the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild and possibly adding new members. We welcome any suggestions that you may have for us.

Thank you for all the help that you provide to our **Queen City Bee!**

Allow me to introduce the remarkable Maggie (Put) Purney! A cherished member of the Guild for over 25 years, Maggie has proudly called **Green Gate** RV Park her home for more than 26 years. After hearing glowing recommendations about the Valley, she made the move, and she has embraced every moment since!

Maggie shared an incredible 54 years of marriage with her late husband, who passed away about a year ago. Together, they raised six amazing kids and welcomed three stepkids into their loving family,

creating a vibrant and connected household.

After retiring from Motorola, Maggie took on sewing, learning from one of her daughters, and soon discovered her true passion for quilting through a friend. This love for quilting has flourished over the last 30 years! In addition to quilting, she has



explored ceramics and eagerly participates in various classes.

One of Maggie's favorite events is the retreat, where she relishes quality time with her daughter, Suzanne, and dear friends.

These moments of creativity and connection fill her heart with joy and purpose!

Programs

By Josie McVey

Thank you for your support of the Program Classes. Classes will be held from 9 am to 3 pm and you may bring your lunch and drink. Please keep in mind that registering for a Program Class, is very inexpensive in comparison to going to Houston or any other place and taking classes. You will learn something regardless of your experience in quilting and more importantly you will share your time with good friends sharing the same passion for learning.

Thank you for your consideration for supporting the Guild activities.

Friday, **May 9th**, 2025 we will have a class by Jani Shoemaker on the New York Beauty.

You may register for the class at rqvqg.com and get the supply list. Jani Shoemaker is an active member of our Guild and serves in various capacities, also an active member of the Llano

Grande Bee. Let's join our creative and talented Jani in making this **New York Beauty!**

At our **May 11th** Guild meeting we will have a zoom presentation on "Easy Color for Quilters" by Kathie Beltz. Kathie Beltz is a professional quilter, teacher, judge, and designer. She has been quilting since 1995, teaching since 2004 and judging since 2007. At the zoom presentation she will be answering questions on the color wheel. Confused by the color wheel? Do you know how to use the color wheel to choose colors for your quilts? This lecture will break down all the technical color terms into easy, everyday English so that any quilter may understand them. Then those terms will be related directly to quilts during the truck show. Once you understand the basics, you may apply them to your quilts and watch them sparkle!

At our **June 14th** Guild Meeting - a Zoom Presentation by Brenda Logan, Conquering Mount Scrapmore. Brenda Logan empowers quilters to be creative, provides basic block case studies and then information on how to elevate a block to something special. Brenda is from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

On **July 11th** we will have a class at Pharr South from 9 am to 3 pm, please bring your own lunch and drink.

We will have one of our own members of our Guild, Erica Baron, share her very own design of a bag pattern—Erica's Convenient Purse—Are you ready for a new challenge? Join Erica in making — Erica's Convenient Purse.

On **July 12th** at our Guild Meeting we will have our Guild President, Diana Wolf, make a presentation on — Fibonacci!!! The secret to How to Make Your Quilts Look Better! It is found everywhere in nature. It is used in architecture to make things look more pleasing to the eye. Come and learn how to use It and elevate your quilting game. It's easy to use!

On **September 12 & 13** we will have from New Mexico, Barbara Gary. Barbara Gary is a Judy Niemeyer Paper Foundation Certified Instructor. The class on Friday will be on Tea Time Placemats. Details on supply list and lecture presentation will follow.

December 12& 13, 2025 we will have Regina Earley providing a class of Scrappy Appliqué. This will be a Fun, Fast and Forgiving workshop great for quilters of any level. This collaged raw-applique class teaches several machine finishing options. It is a "use what you have" scrap-friendly project. More details on a kit and supply list will follow. Topic for the Guild Meeting on December 13th will be announced later.

Information on classes and lecture/presentation for August, October and November will be announced later.

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.

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

Should I Have My Quilt Appraised?

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Should I Have My Quilt appraised?

"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!"

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD RIO GRANDE VALLEY QUILT GUILD MEETING April 12, 2025

Our meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Diana Wolf. Josie McVey introduced our speaker, Betty Chouinard. Her presentation was on organizing your sewing room. It was a great opportunity to learn some new things.

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

Treasurer's Report - Mike Hall - 90% of 2025 revenues still online to stay within our budget. The board has approved adding the \$10,000 from the quilt show to the \$20,000 CD that is due. Mike will be purchasing this new CD for a total of \$31,100. His report will be placed on file for an audit. The guild taxes have been filed with the IRS and have been accepted.

**Quilters
This N That
Komer**
Mercedes, Texas

100% Cotton Fabric
Cotton and Wool Batting
Notions
1001 Segovia
Llano Grande RV Resort
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 272-2377
quilterstntkomer@gmail.com
Kathè Letulle - Owner
Call for an appointment

Membership - Lynn Johnson - We currently have 233 members. Lynn thanked everyone for stepping up and helping when she had to go north for a family emergency.

Community Service - Chris Cowan - She reported that 7 dog beds have been donated for a total of \$50.

Programs - Josie McVey - She said they had a fantastic bag making class. Please go to our website and sign up for our classes.

Quilt Show Report - Renee Darkis - we had a great show and made more money than last year. She previewed the Opportunity Quilt and the second-place quilt for the next show in 2026.

Next year's theme is "Looking to the Stars."

Newsletter - Chris Cowan - Please get your articles to her in a timely manner.

Military Service Quilts - Rosemary Kramer - she gave us some instructions on how she wants things done. She also has some good ideas to get blocks done for our quilts. She wants 10 ½" by 10 ½" unfinished blocks to be sewn into quilts.

Schoolhouse - Dale Shafer - she has 4 classes lined up so far. She is looking for ideas for new classes. She asked our opinion if we wanted the December class so close to Christmas or should it be cancelled that month. We voted by a show of hands, and she has decided to do the class.

Door Prizes

Someone has mentioned to Diana that our October meeting conflicts with the Houston Quilt Show.

She will be sending out a message to see how many members this affects.

Fat Quarter Draw

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Lila Helm