



RGVQG News

February 2026

President's Threads That Bind

Positivity is a Choice! While walking around shopping, I saw this quote reminding me that we should strive to be positive and negate negativity as much as possible. I am positive that there is an overabundance of talent in the Guild as demonstrated at the recent Quilt Show. All the quilts that were donated to area children will bring so many smiles - it warms the heart. We should all think about ways that positiveness has enriched our lives and those around us.

Be sure to sign up for Program Classes and School House classes - as education is one of the Guild's objectives. Josie McVey and Dale Shafer have spent a great deal of time to ensure that everyone can learn new techniques, tips and tricks.

To those who gave their time at the Quilt Show and who attended, many thanks from the bottom of my heart. Without you, wonderful things would not happen.

Again, positivity is a choice, and we see that in our daily lives.

Upcoming is the Retreat in New Braunfels, the Garage Sale and classes in March. Hope to see you at one or more of these events provided by many volunteers of your Guild.

Blessings to all.
Kathe Letulle
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Sunshine and Shadows

by Jackie Landon/Kathe Letulle

Cards sent out this month :
Casino Richardson - Heart Attack
Heather Nelson - "Texas Crud"

If you know of someone who needs a cheering up, is ill, or personal and/or family issues, please advise us by email to sunshine@rgvqg.com or text to 956-272-2377 (this phone number until Jackie's shoulder is healthy enough to resume this volunteer job).

Go See the Quilts!!!

Harlingen ARTS and Heritage Museum is hosting a wonderful display of patriotic quilts celebrating our country's 250th birthday made by the Llano Grande Quilting Bee. You still have time; it will be there through March 13th.



Military Service Quilts

Rosemary Kramer and Nancy Malmin

We have quilts bundled ready to quilt if you are able please help us with this important part. You need not bind it, just quilt it.

A great big thank you to all that participated in the Military Sew day at Alamo Country Club. There were 2 quilts completely finished during that day.

We have had 15 requests for quilts since January 1st.

Military Sew Day

Monday February 23, 2026. Church of Christ , 801 East Harrison (corner of 9th and Harrison) Harlingen, TX from 9:00 to 3:00. Lunch \$5.00 for pizza and a tossed salad.

Coffee, water and lemonade will be available . Or bring your brown bag lunch. Reservations at February meeting.



Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

We have an exciting announcement about our February class! The table topper has been replaced with the wallet that several people showed at our last meeting. Paula McCutchan will be the teacher, and she is an expert, so you are sure to have an excellent end result! The wallet has a metal closure, which comes in a gold or silver finish. They will be available in class, for \$2.75. Look at the sign-up page to see a photo and the supply list. I'll also have samples at the next meeting. Hope lots of you will sign up for this one!

Basic Schoolhouse Class info: with a few exceptions, we have classes on the third Thursday of each month. They are held at Pharr South, 1402 S. Cage. In Pharr (just past the big HEB at Ridge and Cage). We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 or 3:00 p.m., and you can bring your lunch or go out to one of the fast-food places nearby. Class cost is just \$20, but sometimes a pattern is required, to avoid copyright infringement. We hope you find a fun class or two in our lineup!

Membership Information

by Lynne Johnson, Membership Chair

Hi everyone, we had 99 members attend the Guild meeting in person, 9 attended on Zoom and we had 3 guests. Please remember to sign up for 2026 before the end of February. We have some great speakers and classes coming up and you wouldn't want to miss out because you didn't have a current membership. Cost is only \$30/year. Thanks a bunch!

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.



Members Only page -

The Members Only page is protected by password. Aloysius alligator is the keeper of the password for the page and the directories. The Members Only page contains the following information:

- Directory
 - Current
 - Past
- Class Registrations Information
- Board Meeting Minutes
- Library Books
- Patterns
- Retreats
- RGVQG Bee Information
- Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild
 - BYLAWS
 - Standing Rules
 - Treasurers Reports

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.

Informational SMS (text) Messages

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We can send text messages to all our current members. If you are no longer a member of the guild, 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 or gentle reminders. You can reply STOP to opt out of any text messages from RGVQG.
Please add +1 833-935-5165 to your contacts as RGVQG. These text messages will be from the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild.

RGVQG Emails Update

We use the Benchmark bulk email service to send 2-4 emails every month to all our active members. **Benchmark** started to use a 'smart sending' feature recently. This feature will occasionally skip sending an email to a recipient that doesn't regularly open their email. They'll skip once then send the next email. People may not receive the Guild Meeting notices with the zoom link. Please, at least, open any emails you receive from the guild. All of our guild related emails start with RGVQG.

Guild Emails -

The guild webmaster usually sends out two emails a month

- RGVQG Newsletter (after the meeting)
- RGVQG Meeting Notice (Thursday before the meeting)

Both emails are sent from bonniemhall@rgvqg.com.

Please put this email in your contact list. This will help to direct the emails to your inbox instead of sending them to spam or junk.

Friends of the Guild

Now visitors and friends can sign up for more information about the Rio Grande Valley Guild. A link is available on the home page of our website just below the Welcome message.

Limited emails will be sent to these individuals. An initial email will have information on our website, Facebook pages, and how to become a member. An email will be sent just prior to the Quilt Show as a reminder. Possibly an additional one as needed.

Do you know someone or want to share this link with them?

[Become a friend of the Guild](#)

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. [Click for On-line form](#)

One thought to keep in mind, you can donate anywhere and report to us, as long as the receiving location is not also claiming it.

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!

February 2026

224 items, 1294 hours, \$9381.50 value

Retreat News

by *Kathe Letulle*

2026 RETREAT DATES - New Braunfels, Texas - John Newcomb Tennis Ranch

Friendship Star - March 9-13, 2026

Red Polo Shirt

Bluebonnet Friends - March 15-19, 2026

Blue Polo Shirt

March is upon us and all attendees are getting ready to head to New Braunfels to attend the Retreat. Although all the slots are filled for this year, place your name on wait list because LIFE HAPPENS and you never know when a slot will open.

Attendees of the Friendship Star Retreat, be sure to pack your red shirt for RED SHIRT DAY and attendees of the Bluebonnet Friends Retreat, be sure to pack your blue shirt for BLUE SHIRT DAY.

We are looking forward to this get-away retreat and the adventures begin.

Safe Travels to all attendees and see the Friendship Star Gang on Monday, March 9th at 3PM and Bluebonnet Friends Gang on Sunday, March 15th at 3PM.

Blessings,

Kathe Letulle

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Scrap Block Draw

by Chris Cowan

On pause until further notice. But I have some community service ideas percolating!

RGV Quilt Show

By Renee Darkis

Thank you for your support of the Quilt Show



this season. I am delighted to share that we reached \$4800 in ticket sales, exceeding our \$4500 goal. Our own Laurie Magee won the throw!

You can go online to our Facebook site, Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show to get more results and see more! There are photos of the ribbon winners in the various categories

Boutique chaired by Carmen Avila had many wonderful things displayed nicely. The B-zzy Bee helped her out tremendously.

Quilt Show Tote Bag raffle

Marilyn Hensz and the Killer Bees' 20 plus totes for our quilt show were filled with great things thanks to the generosity of those who donated items for them.

The Tote bag raffle is another way the Guild raises funds to support our programs of veteran quilts and our educational classes.

Treasurer Report

Mike Hall, Treasurer

You can view all treasury documents by:

Accessing rgvqq.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 rgvqq.treasurer@gmail.com or treasurer@rgvqq.com

Bee News

Fiber Arts Bee

We're a warm and lively community that gathers on the first and third Monday of each month from 10 AM to noon at The Upper Valley Quilt Guild in Mission. Come join us and let your creativity shine in a fun and friendly atmosphere! We can't wait to see what amazing things you'll make! Don't miss out on the fun! !

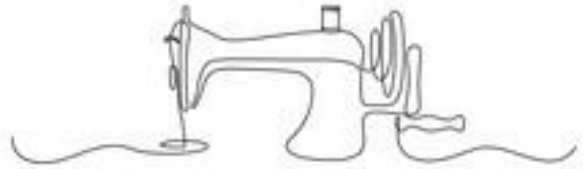
The Mission Bee gathers every 2nd and 4th Monday at the Upper Valley Art in Mission, where they passionately craft military quilts, stunning pieces for the Quilt Show, and heartwarming baby quilts destined for the Children's Hospital.

Queen City Bee

This Bee has been busy in preparing to volunteer at the Quilt Show at the Island. We will be working at the Boutique, so come out and support the Guild by making purchases at the Boutique!

We are always very appreciative of your scrap donations that help us continue to help our community. We will continue working with the B-zzy Bee at the Weslaco Library. Plans are on the way to have our second 8 week class at the Weslaco Library for new participants during the months of June and July.

The QCB's also use your donations for making charity quilts. In 2025 a total of 98 quilts in various sizes and 37 grocery bags were donated. Starting this year, for the month of January 2026, we have already donated a total of 53 quilts in various sizes plus 11 quilted placemats. This certainly could not be possible without your scrap donations. Thank you for continuing to help us help others.



Friendship Day

Friendship Day was held January 24, 2026, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 2001 N 7th St, Harlingen TX 78550.

Edna Butler and her wonderful helpers did a great job. The great outdoors theme was nice as were the s'mores fixings!

Plan to help next year so this fun event can continue.

Programs

By Josie McVey

Thank you for your support of the Program Classes and it is my prayer that you continue your support for 2026. Please go on line and check out the class instructors and sign up for the classes. Do your own research on the instructors and you will be amazed at their expertise. Support our own Guild presenters!

Saturday, March 14th, 2026 - Rummage Sale!! Rio Life Church

From 9 to 11:30. Each table is \$5 and you are encouraged to bring your own table. Sign up on line. Maria Gomez and Selina Guel are the Chair Persons.

Friday, April 10th, 2026 - Jan Baethke - Class OneBlock Wonder

"One Block Wonder is an adventurous approach to design. One piece fabric does all of the work, because the fabric contains all the colors and all the design elements. You cut one shape...a 60 degree triangle...and then design with these kaleidoscopic blocks. Design merely involves playing with colors and shapes within the kaleidoscopes." From the book, "One-Block Wonders" by Maxine Rosenthal.

Fabric prints come with a variety of lengths of repeats along the selvage from 6" (1 yard), 8" (1 1/3 yards) and sometimes 12" repeat (2 yards) for a small quilt, to 24" (6 repeats is 4 yards) which would make a large throw or a twin with borders.

All that you need is 6 repeats of a fabric measured along the selvage (or even 7 of the same panel will work). Check out the Programs

Table at the Guild Meetings to get some fabric ideas!

Come join us to get excited to see your 3 different choices of your kaleidoscopes from each triangle set cut before you decide which way to want to sew your Hexies!!

Saturday, April 11th, 2026 - Jan Baethke - Lecture - Jan's Journey in Quilting

Saturday, May 9th, 2026 - Donna Otto - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild Historical Presentation

Saturday, June 13th, 2026 Jennifer Bernal & The B-zzy Bee Lecture Presentation

Saturday, July 11th, 2026 - OPEN

Saturday, August 8th, 2026 Jan Bathke & The Killer Bees Lecture Presentation

September 11 - 12, 2026 Glenda Wilder

Glenda has been making things all her life, often creating new designs and patterns as she goes. When she sees a finished quilt that will wrap, comfort, memorialize, decorate, or commemorate a time or place connects her to



a shared collective of creators, past and present. Glenda's designs are intended for

quilters of all experience levels that want to share this connection, brimming with history and the promise of creative new visions.



**Friday,
September 11,
2026**
Boomerang Class
A striking design was the first in Glenda's "Nothin' But Squares" collection and has been updated with a terrific polka dot fabric. It's the same great pattern and it's

suitable for beginners and experienced quilters alike! Works with precuts or yardage in a variety of sizes. Perfect for advanced chain piecing.

Saturday, September 12, 2026 - Lecture Presentation by Glenda Wilder on "Quilting - Traditional, Modern and Everything in-between."

Friday, October 9th, 2026
Class by Kathy Tucker -
Description of the Class coming soon.

Saturday, October 10th, 2026
Lecture by Kathy Tucker -
Description to be Announced.

Friday, November 13th, 2026
Patty Roebuck
Class on a Jacket Quilt

Saturday, November 14th, 2026
Lecture by Patty Roebuck -
Topic to be Announced

Saturday, December 12th, 2026 -
Lecture by Jean Impey —
Dynamic presentations packed with insights, humor, and creativity. Topic "Finding Your Passion and Running with It"

Pending Contracts:
Sue Heinz - Class and Lecture
To Be Announced

Rob Appell - Class and Lecture
To Be Announced

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the RGVQG was held on February 7, 2026 at the Rio Life Church. The president and secretary were both in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and filed.

The secretary reports that we have a quorum. The form of the minutes is changing to be in compliance with the 12th edition of Robert's Rules 48:1 p.446. Minutes will be posted in the newsletter.

The treasurer reported that we are not in compliance with the amount of operating funds we are required to have for the month of January. This will be fixed after the quilt show.

The quilt show committees reported on show readiness status. Totes and More will accept bags until Wednesday morning. Opportunity quilt sales are going well. Joy Paugh stated that there are chair person openings for next year's show.

Programs emphasized the importance of attending classes.

Community Service gave a summary of last year's contributions. A reminder was given to everyone to turn in their paperwork.

Membership reported that 99 members were in attendance today with 3 guests and 9 on zoom.

Schoolhouse will be having a wallet class the 19th of February, 2026 at Pharr South.

Military Service needs people to quilt bundled sandwiches. Rosemary Kramer lost a binder with 3 yard quilt patterns in it. Please return it to her if you find it.

Publicity informed us that we have a new brochure for the guild.

Garage sale contact is Maria Gomez. If you want a table the cost is \$5 per table.

There were two motions. First Edna Butler made a motion to move the start of the garage until 9:30 am. The motion passed and carried.

Second, Elaine Hall made a motion to move the meeting start time from 9:00 am until 9:30 am. The motion passed and carried.

The nominating committee needs a chair person.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Heather Nelson Secretary

Day 1 Bags

If you would like to participate for next year, 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.

Bonnie has committed us for 15 quilts.

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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