



RGVQG News

March 2026

President's Threads That Bind

A quilt is a beautiful testament to patience and perseverance. The more complex the pattern, the more we learn — and the more lasting that knowledge becomes because we created it ourselves. The same holds true in everyday life. At retreat, our members are experiencing this firsthand — discovering the power of patience, supporting one another, and celebrating each learning milestone along the way.

Be sure to check the newsletter and our Facebook page for reminders of upcoming events and highlights of recent activities. They're full of updates about our members and all the wonderful things happening in the Guild. I've heard that our March Rummage Sale was a big success! What a joy to see members giving and receiving — passing along items they were ready to part with and finding treasures they needed, all while welcoming the community's participation.

We truly are a generous organization, and many have benefited from the kindness and giving spirit that define our 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@rgvqq.com or text to 956-272-2377 (this phone number until Jackie's shoulder is healthy enough to resume this volunteer job).

Military Service Quilts

Rosemary Kramer and Nancy Malmin

February 23rd was the second military sew day this year. 25 members of RGVQG and 1 guest attended. Doors opened at 8:30 for set up and clean up and put away 3:00 ish.

The noise of sewing machines, chatter, laughter, was heard the whole day.

For \$5.00 they received pizza & tossed salad, along with yummy desserts.

Premade kits were available and all were spoken for. Many members brought kits of their own to share.

Four of the veteran nominees came to receive their military quilt. They were impressed by all the quilts in progress.

UP DATES

On hand 61 tops to be bundled and then quilted. 25 finished quilts ready to be given away to the veterans.

Another possible military sew day this summer 2026; more info will come from Edna Butler.

A thank you to Edna Butler for hosting the sew day and to the church office for letting RGVQG use the friendship hall for this activity.

Thanks again,

Nancy Malmin

Military Project Chair



Schoolhouse Classes

by Dale Shafer and Nancy Malmin

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

I would like to start by saying a big Thank You to all of the wonderful vendors who came to our Guild Rummage Sale. Wow! We had lots of items to choose from and the prices were great! It is so much fun to go shopping at a guild meeting 😊. As to membership - we have 229 current members. You can still sign up to get full access to classes and speakers. Safe travels to all of you who will be heading back North!



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](#)

Retreat News

by *Kathe Letulle*

Miracles never cease! All the ladies arrived safely at each retreat without mishap. We are truly blessed—especially considering the amount of fabric, sewing machines, irons, rulers, and “just-in-case” supplies that had to make the trip too!

The **Friendship Star Retreat** welcomed **18 new attendees** this year. They were delighted to have several of our veteran quilting ladies on hand to help guide them, answer questions, and gently keep them on the straight and narrow... at least when it comes to seam allowances.

The **Bluebonnet Friends Retreat** has **three new attendees**, and the games have already begun! As always, there has been plenty of laughter, a little friendly competition, and possibly a few cases of “fabric enabling.”

Both groups have handled some very eventful weather—from warm Texas sunshine to *burr-cold* temperatures—but the sewing machines are humming, the irons are hot, and creativity is definitely in the air.

Now we look forward to seeing what beautiful projects are finished (or at least well underway!) and shared at the **April 11th Guild Meeting**. After all, a retreat wouldn't be complete without a wonderful show-and-tell.

Blessings,
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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. [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!

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101 items, 1255 hours, \$9098.75 value

Treasurer Report

Mike Hall, Treasurer

You can view all treasury 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. But I have some community service ideas percolating!

RGV Quilt Show

by Laural Powell and Joy Paugh



The poster for the 45th Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show features a blue and white quilt block design, a blue acoustic guitar, and a piano keyboard. The text on the poster includes:

45th Annual
RIO GRANDE VALLEY
QUILT SHOW

Rhythm in Blues
A Sapphire Celebration

FEBRUARY 12 – 13, 2027
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

South Padre Island Convention Center
7355 Padre Blvd • South Padre Island, TX

- ▶ Hundreds of Quilts
- ▶ Shopping & Opportunities to Win
- ▶ Military Service Presentations
- ▶ Classes & Lectures by Carly Mul

Adults \$10/day or \$15 both days
• Teens 13 – 18 \$5/day
• Children 12 & under Free

www.rgvqg.com

The poster also features a small circular logo at the bottom center with the text "RIO GRANDE VALLEY" and "QUILT SHOW" around a central emblem.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Publicity Distribution Team for the 2027 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show

Help us spread the word across the Valley!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with distributing posters and promotional materials throughout the Rio Grande Valley, and surrounding counties during **January and February of 2027**. We would like to have at least one person for the Upper Valley and one person for the Lower Valley. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the Guild and help make this year's Quilt Show a great success.

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Deliver flyers and bookmarks to fabric shops, museums, libraries, community centers, and local businesses
- Keep a simple list of locations visited
- Represent the Quilt Show in a friendly and positive manner

What We're Looking For:

- Reliable transportation
- A friendly personality
- Love for quilting and community involvement
- Ability to travel within the Rio Grande Valley

Flexible scheduling — you can choose routes and times that work best for you.

Be part of the team that brings the Valley together through quilting!

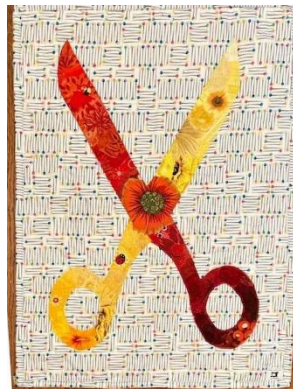
For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Laural Powell
qspublicity@rgvqq.com

◆ ◆ ◆ Featured Guest Artist ◆ ◆ ◆

We're thrilled to welcome Carly Mul, as the guest speaker and teacher at the 2027 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show!

Carly Mul is a nationally recognized quilt artist known for her vibrant colors and inspiring creativity. Carly taught the Scissor Collage class for the Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild a few years ago. She will be teaching two new classes at the 2027 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show, in February.



Whether you are an experienced quilter or just beginning your quilting journey, you won't want to miss the opportunity to learn from this talented artist.

Stay tuned for workshop and lecture information!

Bee News

Fiber Arts Bee

We're a warm and lively community that gathers on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 10 AM to noon at The Upper Valley Art League in Mission. Come join us and let your creativity shine in a fun and friendly atmosphere! We can't wait to see what things you'll make! Don't miss out on the fun! !

The Mission Bee gathers every 1st and 3rd 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

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.

Sew Busy Bee

On 03/10/2026 Carolyn Williams visited the Tip O Texas bee, Sew Busy Bees, as they were taking 45 children's quilts to South Texas Children's Hospital.



They were able to give 20 quilts to current patients and they left the remaining 25 to be given to incoming patients. The parents and children were happy and thankful.

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!

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!

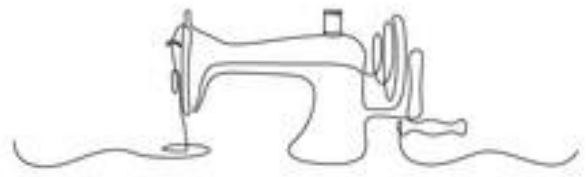


Works with precuts or yardage in a variety of sizes. Perfect for advanced chain piecing.

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

Due to rummage sale no minutes were taken.

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@nplexusrgv.com.

Bonnie has committed us for 15 quilts.

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

Should I Have My Quilt Appraised?

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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!"



The image shows a business card for "Quilters This N That Korner". On the left side, there is a logo consisting of a red circle with the letters "T", "N", and "T" stacked vertically inside it, and a red ribbon-like shape looping around the bottom. Below the logo, the text reads "Quilters This N That Korner" in a stylized font, with "Mercedes, Texas" underneath. On the right side of the card, the text lists "100% Cotton Fabric Cotton and Wool Batting Notions", the address "1001 Segovia Llano Grande RV Resort Mercedes, TX 78570", the phone number "(956) 272-2377", the email "quilterstntkorner@gmail.com", and the name "Kathè Letulle - Owner". At the bottom right, it says "Call for an appointment".