

March 2024



Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



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LOQG.org

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Raffle Table – Sally McKinley

Library – Pat Gray

Challenge Quilt – Wanda Hamrick

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President's Message – Kris Rulison

Our February meeting with Tammy Silvers was especially informative. It was wonderful to learn of all the new tools out there to help us piece more accurately and more easily. When I first started quilting, the only tool I had was a ¼ inch stick to measure my hand drawn seam allowance with a pencil! I was aware of the Tucker Trimmer and do like that tool but I did not realize there were so many other Tucker tools out there. I love that these people who are so mathematically oriented and have figured out a way for us to do things so easily! So whether you are a new quilter or an experienced quilter, there is always something new for all of us to consider getting.

Nancy Hutchison will be returning for our March meeting and will have her trunk show of collage quilts. It is always fun and interesting to see how these various pieces of small fabrics bring something to life!

Plan ahead for our April meeting, both the morning meeting and workshop will be done by our talented guild members. See the Program section for more information.

The Nominating Committee is reaching out for volunteers to serve as officers and committee chairs for the 2024-2025 LOQG quilt year. In most cases, very little of your time is needed and you will get to know your fellow quilters better. We need everyone to consider participating to make this guild successful.



March 4th and 5th - Nancy Hutchison

Nancy Hutchison will be again returning with another collage quilting class for those who have signed up. Nancy will do a trunk show during the regular meeting on the 5th.

April 2nd – Members will poke fun at themselves and will be proudly showing their good, bad and ugly quilts that have presented unique challenges and learning opportunities for all of us. The workshop will focus on “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Binding” and our members will be the instructors. Cost is \$5 and sign up will be at our March meeting. These will be demonstration rotations, no sewing machines or supplies needed. Bring your lunch.

1. How to make a flange binding – Kay Dejno



2. How to make continuous bias tape – Theresa Jackson

3. How to make double or single fold bias tape using those tape makers - Kris Rulison
you always wondered how they worked



4. How to bind using a sewing machine – Shari Ball

May 7th – Refer to the Fundraising section

Future Programs – Help Wanted from the Membership

Professional speakers are very expensive and we are at the point that we have to reach out to the membership for both programming ideas and volunteers to teach these ideas. We all can come up with ideas on what we would like to learn, wouldn't we? But we also need people who are willing to step up and share what they know with all of us. It need not be fancy or difficult, just something that we can all share and benefit from. For example, there are lots of us who perhaps made one of these popular zippered pouches and who would be willing to share making one with our guild? How about a free motion quilting class? Or maybe there is particular quilt pattern or block you have made and can share. How about applique methods, either focus on one or all that there is. In order to continue for next year, we are looking for both ideas and volunteers. Please send ideas and what you are willing to share to Cookie cookienoellcsw@gmail.com Deadline is by the April meeting.

Membership - Kathy Henderson

Please welcome three new members to the guild: Cheryl Mero, Jenny Durrance, and Liz Perry. Cheryl likes traditional quilting and was inspired by her mother who sewed to start on her quilting journey. Jenny has been quilting for five years, is an intermediate level quilter and says her sister encouraged her to take up quilting once she retired. Liz has been quilting about six years, is an intermediate level long arm quilter and she likes to "give back" to the Children's Cancer Hospital by making children's quilts. These three ladies bring our membership total to 113 active members!

Library– Pat Gray



Love bright and colorful fabric? Check out these books from our library featuring quilts with fabric designed by Kaffe Fassett. We'll have several on the library table for you.

Please remember to return any books at our March meeting.

Guild Challenge - Wanda Hamrick

Hope everyone has worked or is working on their "All About Dots" challenge.

2024 Challenge: It's all about Dots

Requirements: Minimum of 24 inches and a maximum of 45 inches

Must have DOTs and the color yellow in your challenge piece somewhere

Prizes will be for the Most Creative and the Peoples Choice.

Fundraising – Robin Cassidy

We are doing well with raffle quilt sales. We started with 3,000 tickets and have 550 left. Last week, Wanda Hamrick took the raffle quilt to her guild meeting in Macon and sold 60 tickets! Way to go team - keep up the good work!

We are continuing to look at various ways to increase our funds every year. Membership is one form of income but in order to have expensive guest speakers, luncheons, etc. we need several sources of income each year. This year the raffle quilt will be the second source of income. In the past we held a member auction at our May meeting. Last year we opted not to have the auction so that brings us to this year where we are considering something new. In May we would like to have a sale where our members can sell anything they want, quilt related or not. Maybe you have some great stuff in your stash but you don't want to give it away. Maybe you have made some items for gifts that are sellable. You can make some extra cash to support your quilting habit!! **A table for one member will cost \$25, and that money goes to the Guild. A shared table for two people will cost \$35.** Members will keep the profits from their sales and you may sell anything you want. We would also have a guild table, where we can sell member donated miscellaneous boutique items and that the money would go to the guild. I am asking who is interested in participating and whether this is something we should move forward with. I need to know by the end of March. If we do not have this auction or another source of income this year, it will be necessary for us to have another raffle quilt for the coming fiscal year starting in July. robincassidy@hotmail.com

Member Spotlight – Susan Etherton



My quilting journey began about 30 years ago while being stationed overseas in Germany. I worked with the Department of Defense school system and a bunch of teachers would get together monthly and make quilts. Quilt in a Day were the patterns we would use. It would be a fun day with everyone bringing a potluck. Some of the quilts we made would be auctioned off and the money would go towards the senior students college tuition. It was a very fun time.

We moved back to the states when my ex-husband retired from the military. We chose Colorado as our home. I got into the mortgage business and then never had any time for quilting. I got divorced but then met the love of my life and we decided to move to

Georgia to be closer to my brother who lived on Lake Sinclair. We moved here in March 2020 right as Covid was hitting. I did work from home for about 1 ½ years and officially retired in July 2021.

I began looking into quilting again during Covid and signed up for a Block of the Month with Country Barn Quilt Store in Augusta. I worked on that for a year and loved it so much that I haven't stopped since. I joined the quilt guild in September 2022 and have enjoyed it very much. Where we live is quite remote and we don't have many neighbors so this has been really good to get out and meet people and most importantly, I've joined the QOV group and help them make quilts. I'm also part of the Hands of Grace bee and try to help in that way too. I've made some great friends and look forward to continuing to learn all I can about quilting.

I recently purchased a long arm and am on a new adventure with that!!

Other News

LOQG Spring Retreat – Sally McKinley

The 2024 Guild Retreat will be held March 12-15th.



Those going to retreat make sure you get a copy of instructions and suggestions found in our last newsletter. I'll bring some copies to our meeting. Looking forward to another great time!! Safe travels, everyone!

QOV Bee

- QOV Bee will meet the 4th Monday of the month from 10 – 2 at the Lutheran Church.
 - Apr. 29, May (no meeting) Memorial Day, and June 29
 - Donations of patriotic fabric are welcome at any time.

Members who will quilt for others: Carol McRae and Kay Dejno

- Virginia Daley has experience in repairing old quilts. She will do that for others depending on the condition of the quilt.
- Their contact information is in our Member Directory on the website.

If you have a quilt related skill that you are willing to do for others, you can notify me so that I can pass on that information. I frequently get requests for these skills from non-quilters in the community.

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Heart of Georgia Quilt Show

April 5-6, 2024

The Methodist Children's Home
304 Pierce Avenue
Macon, GA

Contact: Helen Anderson
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Georgia Celebrates Quilts – East Cobb Quilters Guild Biennial Show

June 6-8, 2024

Cobb County Civic Center
Marietta, GA

