

March 2025



Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter

In honor of National Craft Month
created by Karen Parson.



Web Site
LOQG.org

Meeting
1st Tuesday Sept-June
9:30 a.m. Social
10:00 a.m. Business
Meeting

Location
Lake Oconee Lutheran Church
1089 Lake Oconee Pkwy
Eatonton, GA 31024

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President's Message

Do you have spring fever yet? The hint of warm weather we had last week certainly got me thinking about spring projects and getting organized in my studio. Though that's a never-ending battle I keep on trying. It looks good for about a day or two until I start on a new project, then it's like Wow, what happened here. I get a new project planned, I think maybe I'd like this color better here, or that color there, and pretty soon I have my cutting table full of possibilities. Maybe you're better at that than me? Do you have it all organized and stick with the plan? Whatever your style, I hope spring inspires you to new accomplishments, and we'd love to see what you create.

Please take a moment as you check in to make sure the information on the sign-in sheet is correct for your address and phone numbers.

If you missed the last meeting, you missed an interesting and informative program. Thank you to Theresa Jackson, Lynn Genutis and Kathryn Roper who taught about making points match, the importance of accuracy in cutting and sewing, characteristics of fabric and chenille quilting. I think we all learned something.

I am getting excited! It's just a few days until the retreat, I am so looking forward to it. I hope you have your projects lined up, your machine ready, including the correct tools and feet for your machine, extension cords and tape, and a few fat quarters for games. Snacks for our snack table are always appreciated for that 3 o'clock chocolate craving or the 10 am slump, or anything in between. I think everyone can tell when we're there, there's a trail of little bits of thread from our workroom through the lobby and restaurant. It's probably like Christmas tinsel, or tree needles, months later you'll find a piece under the sofa.

Do you need some inspiration? Check out a library book, we have quite an extensive library, well organized and free. Don't spend money on a book, when you can borrow it. Learn a new technique or explore a new skill. Ask Pat or Lisa for suggestions, they're always happy to help. (Besides, if you don't spend the money on a book, you have more to spend on fabric).

Please remember show and tell. Expert or beginner, your project may be just the thing someone needs to see for that spark of inspiration for their next project. We were all beginners once, bring your quilt, get a little praise and encouragement. We love show and tell. Remember to get there a few minutes early to get your picture taken, so those who can't attend may still see your quilts online.

OUR NEXT MEETING - March 4th
Following Meeting: April 1st (NO JOKE)

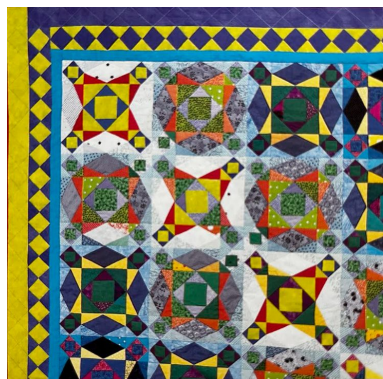
March Meeting: March is National Craft Month. March is National Craft Month. We will display your "Craft Other than Quilts" at our "Craft Share" meeting in March. All members are encouraged to bring their crafting production to our general meeting. We will entertain one another with the results of our activities when we're not quilting. Photography, basket weaving, doll making, rug hooking, crochet, knitting...the list is endless and we all marvel at the skills our members possess. You won't 'teach' your craft that day, just share with us. Later you may get requests from individual members about your crafting interests and maybe make new friends.

March Workshop: Kay Crane is planning a Quilted Name Badge half-day workshop after our March 4 meeting. We will continue signing up at the March meeting. The cost will be \$15 at sign-up. If you signed up at our February meeting and didn't receive a copy of the supply list, email Kay or me and we'll get one to you. We're in the directory on our website. Bring a lunch, your supplies, and machine.

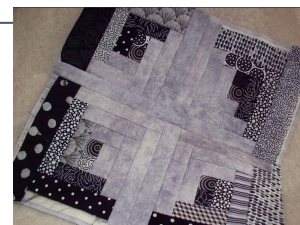


April Meeting: Look forward to the exhilarating program to be presented in April by Nancy Lambert, one of our members. She will share her journey into Modern Quilting with us during her program. She will also provide ideas and principles of manipulation used to create a modern concept block from a traditional one. This is an unusual opportunity to delve into making quilts that are from your personal vision.

April Workshop: We will have her "One Block Inspired Modern Quilt" half-day Design Workshop following the regular meeting. Sign-ups will continue in March. Be sure that you get the supply list from the sign-up table. No machine or fabric required...just supplies to make a paper version of the original block you create using the 24"x24" printed template Nancy will provide each of you. The cost will be \$20 workshop fee + \$5 supply fee (Total \$25). Bring a lunch.



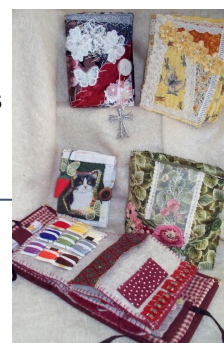
April Workshop Wednesday April 2nd: Theresa Jackson will present Mary Kay Mouton's newest technique of "Flip and Quilt" in a full-day workshop the Wednesday after our April meeting. Paper templates to create the quilted log cabin blocks will be provided for you in class. We will continue sign-ups at our March meeting. Get your supply list when you sign up. Cost is \$30 at sign-up.



May Meeting: May's meeting is going to be such fun. A demonstration of making original bargello quilts from start to finish will be given by Julie Bizzoso. Sonya Winterrowd will dazzle us with her jelly roll trivets and rugs. All members are asked to bring in projects made from precuts. We will have a great trunk show. It can be any sort of project. It may even have been shown previously at show & tell. We want to display as many projects as possible from precuts. Precuts are such a fun size to collect without overcrowding stash space. Libba Holmes will be there to coordinate and facilitate the trunk show.



May Workshop: Jennifer Durrance is ready to delight our love of useable but attractive items with her Needles and Notions books. The half-day workshop will follow our meeting. Sign up begins at our March meeting. Come and see the clever and beautiful creations that Jennifer offers to teach us workshop. Supply and Homework directions are available at sign-up. You'll get lost in the many ideas this extremely creative project category offers. Cost is \$20 at sign-up. Bring a lunch.



May Workshop Wednesday May 7th: The day after meeting whole-day workshop is being conducted by Carolyn White. **See Show & Tell photos of her 'Doggie Days' quilts on the last page.** An important addition to this workshop is an original Kitty version developed by our "Brain Trust". It is rare that such great versions of our precious pets or mascots are available for quilting. Be sure to pick up your homework and supply list when you sign up \$15.

Programs continued....

Remember that the fees collected for workshops this year are being donated by each presenter to the guild's operating funds. So please sign up for these workshops and help us to provide first class programs like these in the future.

We will have feedback forms for you to pick up when you sign in at the registration table.

Please fill these out so that we can rate your interest for future programs and activities.

Membership - Kimberly Topper and Dodie Proctor

Membership: 101

Please introduce yourself to a new face and get to know something about them. Dues are **\$30.00** this year. Don't forget your badge. It will be **\$1** for all forgotten badges and **\$5.00** if we have to replace your badge. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Show & Tell - Julie Bizzoso and Kelly Sandquist

Photos of your quilts will be taken between 9:30 am and 10:15 am. No photos will be taken after that. Of course, you can still show your quilts! They just won't be pictured on the website.

Please bring your quilts to be photographed before placing them on the chairs. Sign in, get a gorgeous picture taken, and then place your quilts in the designated area so that the rest of us can oooh and ahhh over them. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Raffle Table - Sally McKinley and Wanda Hamrick



Lots of goodies on the table this month! Items you can use at retreat!!

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury

Stop by the library to see craft ideas we found in our library. All library books are due at the March guild meeting.

If you wish to renew a book you've checked out, text Pat Gray at 404 376 2859.



Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

Thank you everyone for bringing in the goodies and treats for everyone to share. It was all delicious *Lucky Shamrock!*



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Hello ladies! Thank you for your support! The Market Table is rockin'!!! Please remember to donate items that are quilting related. Yardage should be a fat quarter or larger. We will be accepting item donations in March and May. We are planning on continuing the Market Table next year.

Shirt sales were a success! The Guild members purchased 49 shirts resulting in \$357 to the Guild. We will have them in hand for distribution at the March 4th meeting.

We are continuing to prepare for the Dairy Festival June 7, 2025. Please complete any kits you have taken and return at the next meeting. I will have new kits at the March meeting. If you would like to suggest a project for Guild members to help with making, please provide a sample and written directions. I will work with my team to make kits for members willing to complete the items. If you are making items for the market table, please provide a minimum of 5 items. We want the table to look plentiful and intentional, your additions will be greatly appreciated. This market is in Summer and so we will not be offering items related to the holidays.

LOQG Block of the Month Challenge 2024 - 2025 - Kay Dejno

This month, I am giving you 2 patterns, one for March and a Bonus which is August. That way, by the end of challenge you will have all 12 blocks for the year. You do not have to have all of them in your final quilt top, but you may use any of these blocks. Your final top MUST have a minimum of 9 blocks but you can have more. I hope you are enjoying making the block each month and am looking forward to seeing all of them in June.



Member Spotlight – Karen Whitt



I have long tried many different creative avenues including garment pattern drafting and fabrication. I have not been all that successful! The organization and precise nature of quilting has long been attractive to me. When I moved to Madison in 2019 I happened to meet Kathy Thompson who talked about quilting (among the other things we both like to do) and I was hooked. I took a class at Sew Sew Studio and have continued to experiment with varying degrees of success.

The first quilt I competed before this became an addiction was simple squares with flowers made of a gathered circle and covered button at the intersections. That was 15 years ago. In this period of my quilting life my first project was the Wunderbar quilt in 2020.

I use an Elnita ef72 (the European version of a Janome). UFO's are unexpectedly increasing in my creative room. I have three baby quilts waiting quilting and binding. Then I have improvisation squares for lap quilts that are piling up!!! I think they will become two quilts. My favorite fabric to work is anything joyful! I love an explosion of color! I have a small stash of fabric (it has to share space with my stash of yarn and paints!!!)

My favorite notion is my 1/4" foot!!! My most used may be my seam ripper. When in the throes of an active project I spend 30 to 40 hours a week sewing. My favorite part is the new beginning. Cutting the fabric and getting it all organized for assembly. My least favorite part is ripping it out when it does not line up properly.

The best deals on fabrics and notions would be at the LOQG Market Table!!!

I don't have any tips – yet – I am still so new.

LOQG Spring Retreat - Sally McKinley

Everything is set for retreat. Our large room will have tables for 30.

The smaller room will have 10 tables. Please — if u bring an iron, make sure it's a travel iron. We'll have 3 regular size irons at 3 stations (2 in large room, 1 in smaller room). If we have too many large irons plugged in, we cause fuses to blow. I'll have a few info sheets at the raffle table if you need one. You can also print your own copy from our website. Arrival time for retreat is around lunch time. Only days left!!!!

If you still have not reserved a room, please do so ASAP!!!! Group: LOQG. **March 11 - 14 2025**



QOV Bee - If you are a member of the National QOV, it is time to renew your membership. In the past , we have collected fees from everyone, but it was quite a hassle to get them all registered and sent in. So this year, we are asking you to go to the website QOVF.org and renew. You should get an email telling you it is time to renew. If so, just follow the prompts. The cost is \$10 for a group member. We are "Lake Oconee Quilt Guild" Group and our number is 16049. If you are not a member and would like to join, go to QOVF.org and click link Join Us and follow prompts. We would love to have everyone join the national organization but it is not necessary. You can still participate in helping us to make quilts for veterans. You can also join as an individual member not affiliated with our group and that fee is \$40.

Thanks, and let's continue to honor our veterans with quilts! They are always so grateful .



EXTRA Extra Hospitality with Kathy Sands. We want to be a part of our fellow quilters lives. We want to share the good times and the bad. If you know of any fellow quilters who would enjoy hearing news or just dropping them a line please let me know. #706-467-1089 or kgs2149@aol.com

Members who will quilt for others:

- Carol McRae 478-968-5352
- Kay Denjo 706-453-1877
- Virginia Daley T-shirt quilts & quilt repairs. 706-473-3320
 - vdaley@msn.com
- Creative Threads By Millie Engebriksen Custom quilts and Longarm Services 704-941-0901
 - creativethreadsbymillie@gmail.com
- 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, please let Jan Anderson know.

Tips of the Trade

- After designing and fusing several applique blocks, I stitch around all the pieces that require the same color of thread. Then, I stitch the next group of pieces with another thread color.
- For an easy, inexpensive, portable light table, place an under-the-counter fluorescent light strip under an inverted clear plastic storage bin.
- A weekly pill box is perfect to hold bobbins and other small items to take to workshops.
- Place several spools of thread for hand sewing in a large salt shaker with a snap-off top. Run each thread tail through a hole in the top so it is ready to use.

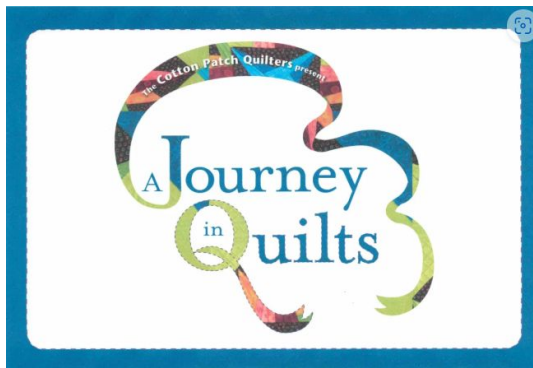
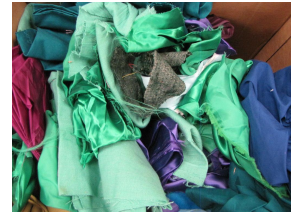
Other News Continued.....



HELP..... if you can please collect items needed to help others get through this winter season. Quilts, blankets, jackets, scarfs, hats, gloves, etc..

A.S.A.P. to Geri Wires # 770-371-4022 133 Edgewood Ct. Eatonton
or Carolyn White # 706-453-0538 1580 Shady Oaks Lane Greensboro

Scraps....The Sew Sew Studio in Bogart, GA is collecting scraps from quilts to use as stuffing for the dog beds they are making to donate to the shelters. Please collect your scraps and bring them to our monthly meetings and give them to Suzy Kurelic. She will drop them off at Sew Sew Studio. Small, stained or faded quilts may be donated also.



Hours of Operation

Friday, February 28 - 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, March 1st - 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, March 2nd - Noon to 4pm

Entrance Fee (purchase at the door)

\$10

(Children under 12 are free)

Raffle Quilt



Held at the Oconee County Civic Center, 2661 Hog Mountain Road

Watkinsville, GA 30677

ph: 706-769-3902



The Dairy
Festival
will be
June 7th.

March 21st to 23rd, 2025

Friday & Saturday 10 to 5, Sunday 12 to 5

The Well at Centerville

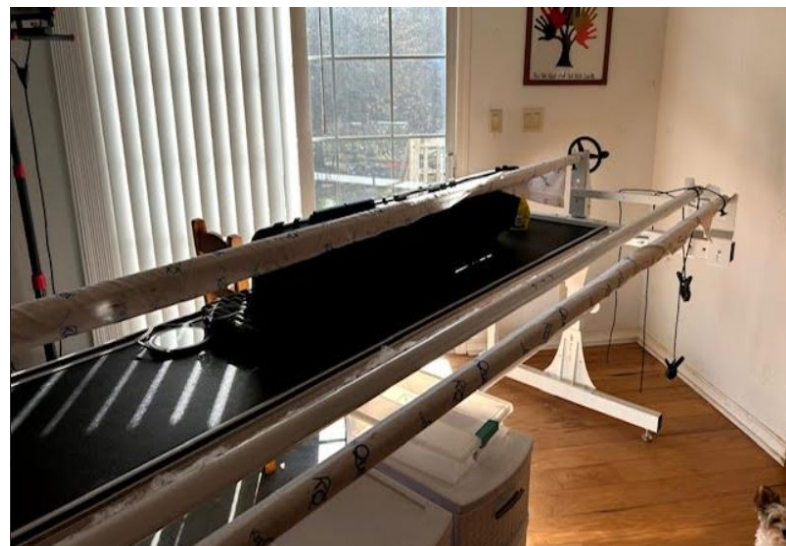
600 N Houston Lake Blvd, Centerville, GA 31028

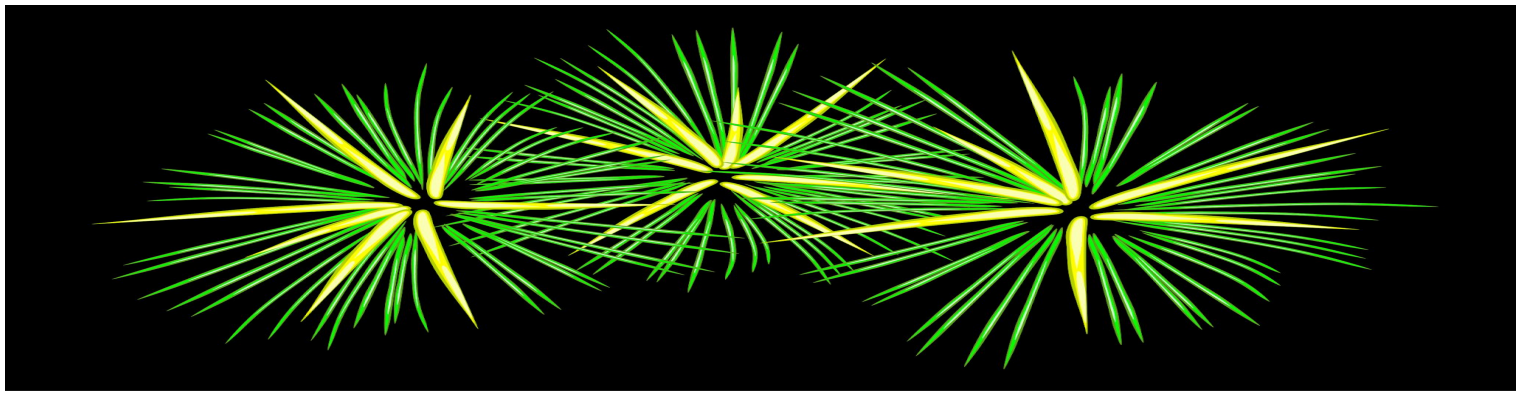
\$8 Entry - \$1 off entry with this postcard

FOR SALE:



An acquaintance of Lisa Albury's,.....Wanda Fowler bought this Long Arm new in 2021 for \$8,200 plus a 12 foot table. She did not use it a lot and has not used it at all this past year. She would like to get \$6,000 for it if possible. Please call with any questions or inquiries or BO. #770-314-3916

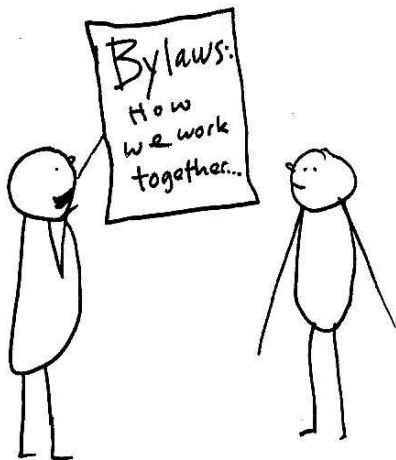




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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



IMPORTANT: Upcoming Bylaws discussion.

- A motion was made for bylaw Article II to read Dues may be increased on approval of the Board.
- A motion was made for bylaw Article XI Standing Committees, Program Committee to read Prior to final negotiations and contract the Program Committee shall present to Board for discussion and vote, potential speakers/teachers whose total cost exceeds \$1000.00.

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Donate to Bread of Life

Our ministry relies on community contributions. Join the mission!
There are several ways to donate, and specific items we need most.

Monetary Contributions

Monetary contributions are tax deductible and can be sent to:

Bread of Life Food Pantry
1089 Lake Oconee Parkway
Eatonton, GA 31024

Pantry Items

In-kind donations are accepted during church office hours.

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church
1089 Lake Oconee Parkway
Eatonton, GA 31024

Schedule a Drop-off

Call or email to schedule a donation drop-off outside office hours!

706.623.4701 or
pantry@goblif.com

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

16 oz Peanut Butter
Jelly
Ramen Noodles
Applesauce
Cereal
Oatmeal Packets
Spaghetti Noodles
Pasta
Egg Noodles
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables
Canned Meats
Taco Shells
Flour Tortillas

Puddings
6 oz Tomato Paste
Spaghetti Season Pack
Chili Season Packs
Taco Season Packs
Small Individual Snacks
Powdered Milk packets
Condiments
Seasonings
Cooking Oils
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Bar Soap
Laundry Detergent
Dishwashing Soap
Hand Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

February Meeting



Meeting cont...



Chenille Panel Quilt with Kathryn Roper



Characteristics of Fabric with Lynn Genutis



Perfect points with Theresa Jackson



Show & Tell



Carolyn White