

March 2026

# Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter

Quilt Picture

by

Kay Crane



## President's Message - Johanna Adams

Spring is almost here, and with warmer weather comes spring yard cleanup and planting. I know gardeners are planning their gardens and as you make plans for your gardens, also make sure to plan for spring quilting and what to bring to the retreat. It's amazing what you can get done in a few days without any interruptions. It's like a jump start on new quilts or a great time to finish up a few UFOs, catch up on your row-by-row quilt, or just enjoy time with your fellow quilters.

Holly Ann Knight from String and Story was wonderful and inspirational at our last meeting. I loved her story and her quilts were beautiful. If you would like to see more speakers, like Holly, be sure to step up and consider signing up to be Program Chair next year. You are the guild and without your help we cannot succeed. You can help to inspire other quilters to step out of their comfort zone and try something new.

We've had some great prizes this year at the raffle table, thank you Sally, and thank you for stepping up each year to do not only the raffle table, but the retreat. How about the Market table? It's been a great place to purchase what someone else no longer needs. Consider donating some fabric so that others can use it in their quilts. This is a great way to clear out some space for new things in your stash. That "why did I buy that" fabric could be just the piece someone else needs to complete a project. Thank you, Karen and Robin.

Remember to bring something for Show and Tell, a few fat quarters and/or extra fabric for the Market Table, and a couple of extra dollars to have a chance to win something. Also, we continue to need snacks for the break. See you next month.

OUR NEXT MEETING - March 3rd  
Following Meeting: April 7th

### Web Site

LOQG.org

### Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Officers 2025-2026

**President** – Johanna Adams

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**Programs** –Kaye Hlavaty

**Membership** - Suzy Kurelic

**Show and Tell** – Julie Bizzoso

**Raffle Table** – Sally McKinley

**Library** – Pat Gray

**Challenge** – Karen Parsons

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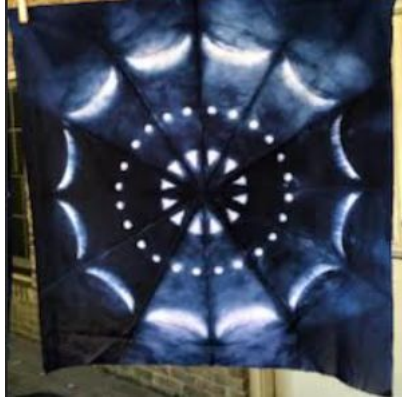
**Retreat** – Sally McKinley

**Newsletter** – Jan Anderson

### Contact

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**March:** Teresa Smith will be joined by Jody Watts to present a lecture and trunk show on fabric dyeing. Jody and Teresa have participated in fabric dyeing classes at the John Campbell Folk School and at Debbie Maddy's studio in Texas. While with Debbie they learned how to dye fabric by following the shibori indigo methods and the results are stunning! They will also share other dyeing methods such as ice dyeing.



**April:** Diane D. Knott will teach us specific strategies for making quilts you love from the fabric you already have! Diane will share the secrets and steps that she uses for making scrap quilts that really sparkle. We will learn how to avoid the “jumbled mess” look and create quilts that you will want to live with and love. Diane will also bring a pop up shop! <https://www.butterflythreadsquilting.com/>

**May:** The Southeastern Quilt & Textile Museum will share their past, their present and their future. Located in Carrollton GA the museum was founded in 2013 and features three galleries, a classroom

**Workshop:** *Quilting Row by Row: 27 Skill Building Techniques*

Our row this month has flying geese and applique flowers. We will discuss various ways to complete the applique. Kaye has sent out cutting instructions by email.



We had several people join our guild last month. This year the dues are **\$30**. Check or cash will be \$30.

**Replacement badge = \$5, New magnet = \$3, and No Badge = \$1.**

**Show & Tell - Julie Bizzoso and Kelly Sandquist**



Show and Tell is our time to share our projects with our quilting friends. Here are the guidelines:

1. When you arrive, please go to the front corner opposite the membership table, **have a picture taken of your project** and sign a list for sharing.
2. When it's Show and Tell time, get your item and line up by the wall next to the stage.
3. When it is your turn, committee members will hold up your project while you speak clearly into the microphone to tell your name and a brief story about your creation.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to share. Whether you are a beginner or a professional, we can learn from and enjoy everyone's efforts. Happy quilting!

**Raffle Table - Sally McKinley and Wanda Hamrick**



We have some new items that many of you just can't live without so bring extra cash for tickets!

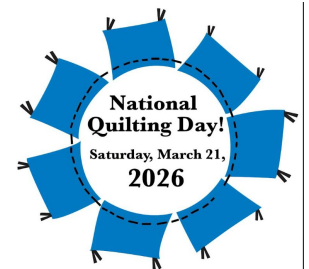
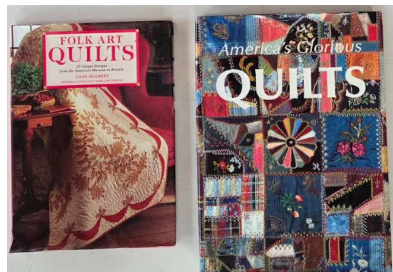
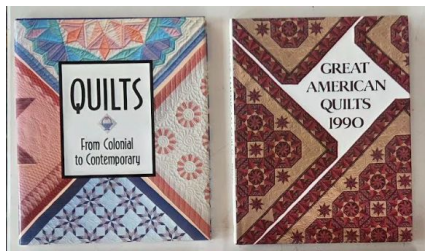
**Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury**



National Quilting Day is the third Saturday of March annually and began as "Quilter's Day Out" in Kentucky in 1989. Many quilt museums offer free admission, live demonstrations and hands on events. Check out your favorite museums' websites to see what's going on March 21st this year.

In the USA quilting began with early settlers repurposing fabric to create warm functional bedding. Quilting has evolved from a utilitarian need to a hobby and form of artistic expression which is enjoyed by approximately 10 to 12 million quilters nationwide.

Caution: Sewing is the gateway drug to quilting, so invite your sewing friends to a quilt guild this month to celebrate Quilting Day early and stop by the library table to check out some books on the history of quilting.



**Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton**

Hospitality committee continues to appreciate snacks provided during the guild meetings.

Remember to bring can goods and non perishable foods for the church's food bank.



## Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Hello Guild Members

If you ordered a shirt please see Robin or myself at the Market Table we have two to deliver.

Please bring fabrics you would like to see adopted by others to the meeting. As always - nothing smaller than a fat quarter.

Robin and I will complete our term as Fundraising Committee in June. Please consider accepting the Fundraising Chair position. Many of the opportunities to raise funds for the Guild are in place. We have a member who has offered a quilt for raffle in the coming year. It will be easy!!!

See you in March.



## FREE Table - Mary Kay Mouton

There will be a FREE table. We will not store and return the items from the FREE table.

## Spring Retreat - Sally McKinley

*Hey Viridescent...* Well we only have a little over 2 weeks until retreat. Where has time gone? By now I hope everyone has their reservation for rooms. I plan on being there about 9 am, but I'm asking our early birds to wait until about 10:30 to arrive. Before that time I'm going to make sure we will have all the tables set up in the big room and the smaller one. Can't wait to see the projects everyone will be working on! I'd bring a couple of extra projects to work on since you'll have so much sewing time!! I would like to thank everyone for their support of our retreat. It's because of you that we've had such wonderful retreats!!!!



**QOV Bee** - Susie Kurelic, Clare Kranzmann, and I did a QOV presentation to the Macon Quilt Guild. We did a presentation to a veteran, and then explained how QOV works and how we organize it at our guild. We showed QOV valor quilts that we have made to give to veterans. They loved seeing the quilts and had many questions and comments about them!

Those of you who are members of QOV should be getting an email to renew your membership. When you do, go ahead and renew. The cost is \$10 as a member of our Lake Oconee Quilt Guild. Our number is 16049. Anyone who is new and would like to join, just go on the website [QOV.org](http://QOV.org).

As always, we meet on the last Monday of the month at the Lutheran church from 10 – 2. All are welcome!

## 2025 – 2026 LOQG Quilt Challenge

National Holidays to Celebrate All Year Long

1. Pick a day that is not a State or Federal Holiday from provided list.
2. Design a Quilt that you think best relates to the theme of that day.
3. Size requirement: **Perimeter between 68 inches to 88 inches**
4. **Embellishment** is a MUST !! Be Creative !!
5. Must be Quilted or Tied and have a binding (finished)

*Would like to enter these Quilts into the Georgia National Fair for 2026*



Zipper Day – April 24

## Member Spotlight – Mary Bustion



I actually do not remember what started me quilting. I just remember about twenty years ago I found myself in the fabric section at Walmart. The spring fabrics were out and I just remember the urge I had to put a quilt together.

I sew with a Singer. My very first quilt with those spring fabrics took me about five years to complete. It was a block quilt. I had no idea what I was doing.

I currently have about six UFO's. My favorite fabric to work with are cottons.

I believe we all have a STASH!

My favorite notion would be a seam ripper. I spend about fifteen hours a week sewing in an average week.

My favorite part of quilt making is sandwiching the quilt together.

My least favorite part of quilt making is the binding.

I find the best deals on fabrics and notions at Hobby Lobby.

My tip: Make sure you keep a seam ripper!

**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
- 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**

- Use the correct presser foot and follow tips to prevent the fabric from being pulled into the bobbin case area when starting to sew.
- Regularly clean your machine and the thread catcher to maintain its performance.
- Explore various stitches and their applications to enhance your sewing projects.



**EXTRA Extra Hospitality** with Kathy Sands.

#516-457-8103 or [kgs2149@aol.com](mailto:kgs2149@aol.com)

Cecilia Smith passed away this month and that she had been a LOQG member for many years.

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We are asking all Quilt Guild Members to make a quilt for the Lake Oconee Humane Society and bring it to the meeting.

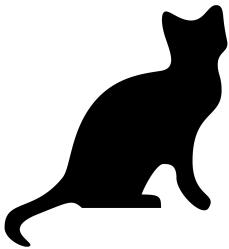


From the samples we made, the instructions are pretty simple. Sew together two fat quarters with batting (Cotton or 80/20 is best).

Sew your fabric right sides together with batting on top. Leave a small opening to turn them right side out and quilt any way you like. Machine quilt, free motion, longarm, use decorative stitches making squares, stripes or diamonds, or stencil a pattern you like.

Use your scrap fabric, sample quilt squares you put together, or just a fat quarter.

We will take pictures of all the quilts when they are turned in and submit them to our Publicity Chair for publication before taking them to the Shelter.



### 40, Fun and Fabulous: A quilting Anniversary

*Our Quilt Guild is 40 years old. Help us celebrate!*  
*Heart of Georgia Quilt Guild Biennial Quilt Show*



April 10th & 11th, 2026  
10 am - 5 pm

The Methodist Home  
304 Pierce Avenue,  
Macon, GA  
Admission \$10

Over 100 beautiful quilts - Multiple vendors - Demonstrations  
Miniature Quilt Silent Auction - Quilted note cards for sale  
AND.....A chance to WIN this beautiful quilt pictured ABOVE

Check us out at: [heartofgeorgiaquiltguild.com](http://heartofgeorgiaquiltguild.com)



I bought a ticket to win this quilt. Maybe you should buy a ticket... several of our members are members of this guild also. Ask around. Who knows... you might just win!

Welcome  
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Paradise  
Quilt Festival



March 20-22, 2026

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Palmetto Quilt Guild,  
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More information at [www.georgiacelebratesquilts.com](http://www.georgiacelebratesquilts.com)



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Festival  
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Festival Features:

a Judged Exhibition, more than 150 Quilts  
Exhibited, Quilt Appraiser, Handmade Boutique  
items, Vintage Market, Silent Auction, Vendors  
includes a Scissor Sharpener & more

You can enter to win our Welcome to Paradise Raffle  
Quilt

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Fri & Sat 10a - 5p; Sun 10a -2p  
Admission \$15 multi day;  
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# Meeting Program : HollyAnne Knight





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## Quilt with Confidence Workbook

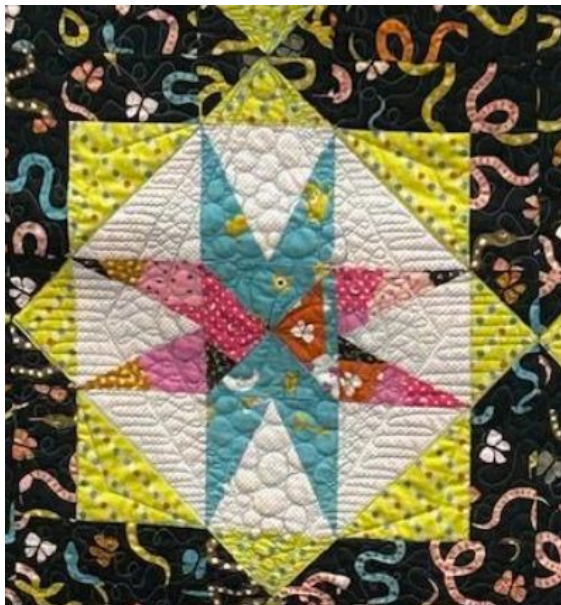
This free, step-by-step workbook designed to help you move past fear, take action, and finish your first quilt on the sewing machine you already own.

You'll learn exactly what supplies you need, how to prepare your quilt, and how to practice without perfectionism — so you can stop overthinking and start quilting.



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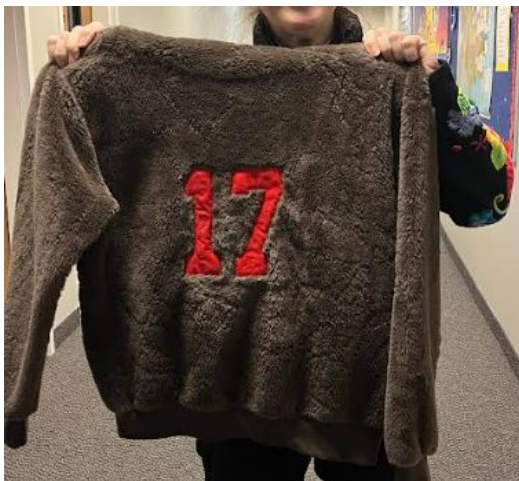
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## Show & Tell



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