

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



President's Message – Jeanne Sewell

Hello Fellow Quilters!

I hope that you are enjoying the winter weather and holidays! Thanks to Kathy Sands, her helpers, and those who contributed brunch goodies, we had a wonderful December meeting. Cate Pond introduced us to the upcoming meeting programs and workshops and they all are going to be fantastic. Be sure to check the quilt guild website for details. As usual, the Show and Tell allowed us to appreciate the extraordinary talent of our guild members.

Please consider topics you would like for programs and workshops for next year (2023-2024). I would like us to reach out to presenters. Why don't you consider offering to do a program or teach a workshop? The guild provides an honorarium to guild members plus covers the expenses of the presenters.

At our December meeting, I suggested that the guild make a raffle quilt every year. I offered to help with preparing the quilt for next year and Cookie Noel offered to help too. The sale of raffle quilt tickets is not much but the income can cover the expenses of a nationally known speaker. The challenge is with ticket sales. How do we widen our audience for ticket sale purchases? Can we sell them online? If so, how?

Finally, the nominating committee will be looking for candidates to fill officer and chair roles this spring. Consider volunteering for a role or accepting a nomination if asked. Your participation is a great way to network with other members.

See you at the January meeting!

Happy quilting!



Information

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

Officers 2022-2023

President – Jeanne Sewell

Vice President – Susan Garrett

Secretary – Mary Gimbert

Treasurer – Virginia Daley

Committee Chairs

Programs – Cate Pond

Membership - Kathy Henderson

& Josie Elsberg

Show and Tell – Libba Holmes,

Julie Elder & Kathryn Roper

Raffle Table – Sally McKinley &

Kimberly Topper

Library – Pat Gray, Lisa Albury &

Theresa Jackson

Challenge Quilt - Shari Ball

Social – Kathy Sands

Ways and Means – Suzy Kurelic

Publicity – Kris Rulison

Website - Helene Perez

Retreat – Sally McKinley

Newsletter – Kris Rulison

Contact

secretary@loqg.org



For January, we will have a guest speaker and trunk show at our meeting. Fiber artist, quilt appraiser and quilt designer Lynn Rinehart from Cotton Art Studio will lecture on “Color Confidence.” This one-hour lecture will look at color in quilts and how to approach designing a quilt using a color wheel, nature and photography. The presentation will cover steps quilters can take to develop confidence in approaching the color choices in their next quilts. A thread painted trunk show will follow. Website: www.cottonartstudio.com

The afternoon workshop will consist of making the fabric project bags for those who have signed up for this workshop already.



Our own member, Kaye Hlavaty, will present a program “Bonnieac” during our February meeting. It will be based on the works of prolific quilter, Bonnie Hunter. Kaye actually joined LOQG because she wanted the opportunity to meet Bonnie when she was our presenter in 2017. Since then, Kaye has enjoyed participating in Bonnie’s yearly mystery quilt along, piecing other patterns of Bonnie’s and attending two retreats at Bonnie’s Quiltville Inn.

Any LOQG member who has made a Bonnie Hunter quilt is encouraged to bring the quilt that day for a Bonnie Show and Tell.

Afternoon Workshop: No fee to attend, Sign up in January

Bonnie Hunter employs the use of strings into many of her quilt designs and has published several books with patterns that utilize string piecing. Using string piecing in quilts adds a lot of interest to what might be a boring and/or repetitious quilt. String piecing can be incorporated into blocks as well as into borders.

Participants in the afternoon workshop will learn how to string piece and then use their blocks to create the quilt “Stringing Stars” by Lacey Colbert.



Supplies needed: (feel free to share supplies with a friend):

Sewing machine with thread and bobbins

Regular presser foot and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch foot

Basic sewing supplies (scissors, rotary cutter, cutting mat, iron, quilting ruler at least 12” long)

Glue stick

Assorted light fabric strips cut in a variety of widths from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ” to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ”; neutrals can range from tans to white*

Assorted colored fabric strips cut in a variety of widths from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ” to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ”; this color(s) will determine the color of your star*

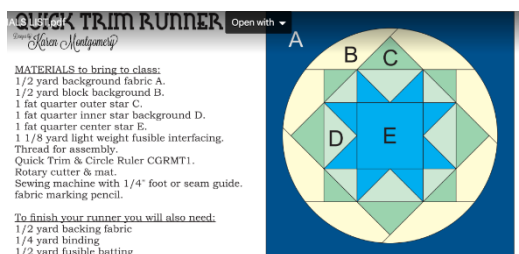
*come to the workshop with a minimum of 12 light AND 12 colored fabrics cut into strips and ready to work with; bring uncut fabric to use as needed. The more variety that you bring, the more interesting your block will be!

March Meeting and Program – Karen Montgomery



Karen Montgomery, Creative Grids ruler designer, will be joining us at our March meeting. Her morning lecture will feature the Scrap Crazy 6" and Crazier Eights templates and companion books. The afternoon workshop will feature a table runner that features the Quick Trim and Circle Ruler she has designed. Would you like to turn your fabric scraps into beautiful quilts? The magic that is built into the templates allows you to create unique patterns with simple straight line sewing. Her presentation at our guild meeting will include a trunk show of quilts to inspire you and the opportunity to purchase any of the three template sets as well as the corresponding pattern booklets. Quick Trim & Circle Ruler Class. Class fee TBD.

Perfection is all in having the right tools. Website: www.creativegridsusa.com/designers/1419



What makes a specialty ruler "special"? Attend the Quick Trim & Circle Ruler Table Runner class with Karen Montgomery and learn to make flying geese without drawing a line. She will show you a simple method to insert a geese between rectangles without a center seam and cut half square triangles with no waste. To top it off, you will turn quilt blocks into circles all using the same ruler!

April Meeting and Program – Nancy Hutchison

Laura Heine is an award-winning, nationally known fiber artist known for her collages. Nancy Hutchison, a Laura Heine certified instructor for Laura's **amazing** collages will be coming to our April meeting. Nancy will talk about collage quilts and the workshop will feature creating our own clever collage. Website: <https://www.fiberworks-heine.com/>



The workshop is the day after the meeting on April 5th. There will be a kit and instructor fee. Sign up must take place before the end of February.

Be sure to sign up for all of these workshops!

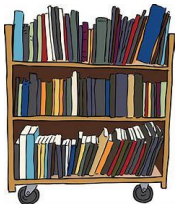
Membership – Kathy Henderson and Josie Elsberg

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Christmas brunch on Tuesday! We hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ways and Means– Raffle Quilt – Suzy Kurelic



There are still eleven blocks for the raffle quilt that need to be turned in. Please bring those completed blocks no later than the February meeting.



It has been a while since the library was open. Books due at the January meeting are:
Pam Atkinson -Flip Flop Paper Piecing
-Easy Paper Pieced
Keepsake Quilts
Geri Wires. -Two Hour Mini Quilt Projects
-Piece & Quilt with Precuts

We have a wonderful library available with 20 different categories of quilting books. Look on our website for your area of interest and check it out in January. You'll have ideas for new quilting projects for those days when it's too cold to get outside.

Social - Kathy Sands

Many thanks to everyone who helped and brought in food for the December brunch, that was wonderful. Also, if anyone has leftover extra sweets from their celebrations, please bring them to the January meeting!



Quilts of Valor- Kay Dejno



Another sew-in for QOV will be January 11-12th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This time, pillowcases for the quilts will be sewn. Fabric donations are always welcome.

If you are interested and can, volunteers to quilt the finished tops are needed. You will get the quilt top, batting and backing.

Member Spotlight - Sally McKinley



Sally McKinley began quilting when she retired from 28 years of teaching in 2011. Prior to that her mother-in-law taught her how to hand quilt. She had a large quilt frame she kept hanging out on the back porch. She'd always have a quilt in it and while the guys were out hunting, we'd work on whatever quilt was in the frame.

When she retired, she started going up to Alaska for three months during the summer. Three of the ladies in her campground were also quilters. Every Tuesday they would go to the community center in Funny River (on Kenai peninsula). There were about 15 - 20

ladies that would bring the project they were working on. She took several classes during the seven summers they were up in Alaska and learned so much from these wonderful ladies.

Sally joined the LOQG in 2011. She continues to take classes and tries to become a better quilter. The best thing about our guild is not only the phenomenal quilters, but what she has learned. She always get inspired when she sees all the beautiful quilts that our members create. Hopefully this will continue for many years to come.

Other News



Retreat - If you have not paid your \$25 retreat fee, please try to bring your money to the January meeting.