

# Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



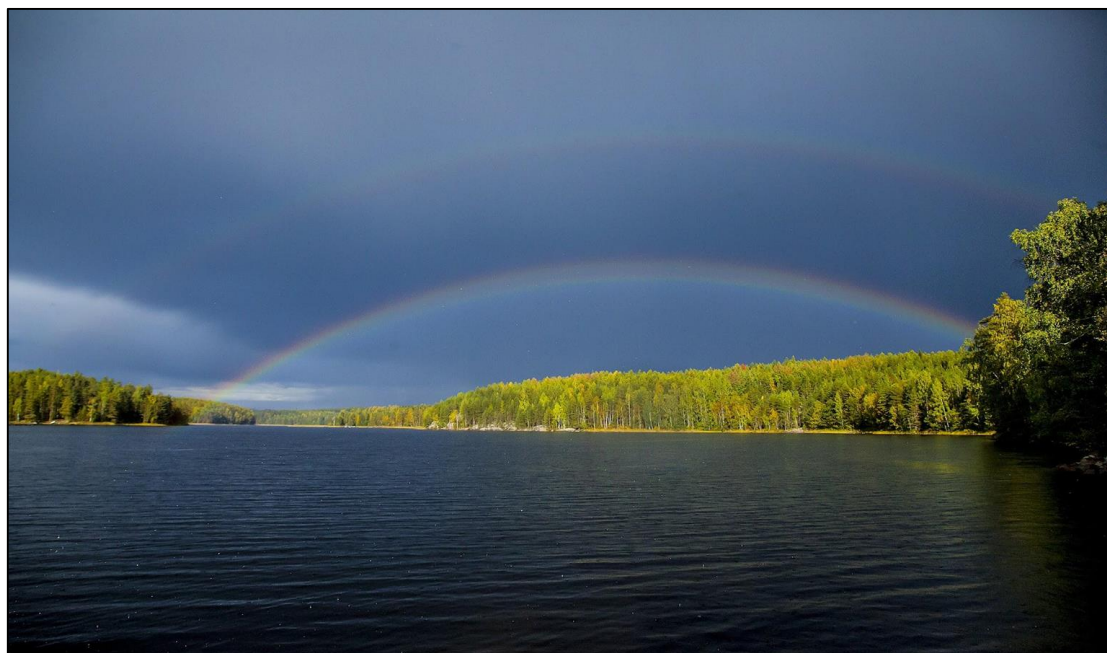
## President's Message – Kris Rulison

Now that March is almost behind us, it seems like it has been the month of celebrations! First, Daylight Savings time on March 10th, Pi day on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the (my favorite is apple, what is yours?), National Quilters Day (yay to ourselves!) on March 16th, Spring Arrival on March 19th and Easter on March 31st.

We had our annual LOQG retreat last week March 11th – 15th at Little Ocmulgee State Park in Helena, GA. Kudos to our retreat master Sally McKinley for arranging the good time all by of us had. There was some serious sewing going on so be ready to see some of the amazing work at our Show and Tell within the next few months. A fun time and I encourage all who have not had a chance to participate to consider going next year at the same time. Sign up will be announced well in advance for the 2025 retreat.

We are nearing the end of our quilting year. We still are in need for a few officers for next year, especially a program chair. Getting involved is a great way to meet new friends, too.

Until next time, happy quilting!



### Web Site

LOQG.org

### Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Sept-June  
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## Programs – Cookie Noel

**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, for those who have signed up, will focus on “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Binding” and our members will be the instructors. Bring your lunch.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** The sale previously announced for May is on hold as it needs some tweaking before we move forward with this idea.

**Instead**, we have many talented quilters, experienced and newbies alike. This program will highlight a trunk show by several of our members and their work. There will be no workshop this month.

## Future Programs - Help Wanted from the Membership

Professional speakers are costly and we cannot continue to afford them without more fundraising. We are reaching out to our members for both programming ideas and volunteers to teach these ideas. We need people who are willing to share what they know with all of us. It doesn't need to 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. Please help with program this next year, we are looking for both ideas and volunteers. We are still in need of a chair for the Programs for next year.

Please send ideas and what you are willing to share to Cookie [cookienoellcsw@gmail.com](mailto:cookienoellcsw@gmail.com)

## Membership - Kathy Henderson

Membership: 114

Please welcome Laura Kleinschmidt to the guild. Laura is an intermediate level quilter who loves modern quilting and batiks. She has a longarm and says she uses it mostly to make charity quilts for two different organizations. Laura is our 114th member! Continue to bring your friends and help us grow!

The retreat was a huge success! We had at least one new member join us this year and she really enjoyed it! I hope more of our new members will consider signing up for the next retreat. Where else can you go where you don't have to cook, clean or run errands, and can sew for 3 uninterrupted days? You should give it a try!

## Raffle Table - Sally McKinley



Since we won't be having the May sale, the raffle table will be available. Bring your dollars for lots of stuff you can't live without.

## Library– Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



Please remember to return any books at our April meeting.

## Guild Challenge - Wanda Hamrick

DON'T FORGET! It's all about DOTS Challenge due at June meeting. June will be here before you know it. Polka dots, snowballs, make your own dots, etc. And don't forget to have the color yellow in it! Maximum 24 inches by 45 inches.

Prizes will be for most creative and peoples choice.

## Fundraising – Robin Cassidy

We are doing really well with our ticket sales. There are right around 200 left to sell. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

We have an opportunity to sell more tickets on April 4th at the Artisans Village Art Gallery in downtown. They are having an art show and providing us with a table to use for ticket sales. The address is 110 West Marion St which is right on the main square. The hours are from 5pm to 7pm.

Due to a prior commitment, I cannot be there so I will need a volunteer to take our quilt rack, the quilt and remaining tickets to sell. Please let me know if you are available.

## Member Spotlight – Hattie Dunlap



When I learned to sew in home economics in 7th grade, no one in my family of nine had ever picked up a needle. After that I started making my own clothes to avoid hand me downs as I had five sisters. I did not have a sewing machine so everything was made the old fashioned way with needle, thread and elbow grease.

Fast forward to 2003 when the quilt guild was being formed. I was eager to join and learn to quilt. Tina Propecki was gracious and invited me and a neighbor to her house for a crash course in quilt making and fabric collecting. Even though I now sew by machine, I am not a prolific quilter. I am in awe of our members who show new quilts every month.

I particularly enjoy art quilts with lots of embellishments. In addition to fabric I have a grand collection of buttons, beads, bells and bows!

## Other News

### LOQG Spring Retreat – Sally McKinley



Well.... Another successful retreat in the books. Thanks to all who attended. Everyone had some beautiful projects they were working on and I can't wait to see the finished projects! There will be a new procedure for sign up for the next retreat and it will be announced well in advance and will take place in the fall.

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## Quilts of Valor Bee

- QOV Bee will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 10 – 2 at the Lutheran Church.
  - Apr. 29, May (no meeting) due to Memorial Day and June 29
  - Donations of patriotic fabric are welcome at any time
  - Open for everyone to come and sew

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### 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.

Mary Gimbert  
Secretary

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### Heart of Georgia Quilt Show

April 5-6, 2023

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

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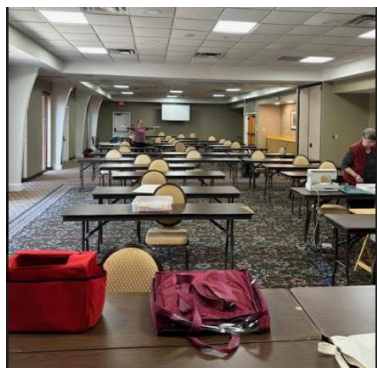
Georgia Celebrates Quilts – East Cobb Quilters Guild  
Biennial Show June 6-8, 2024  
Cobb County Civic Center  
Marietta, GA

Photo courtesy of East Cobb News



# LOQG Spring Retreat

## Before



## After



Enjoyed the friendships, social networking, having fun, learning new ways to sing songs, eating way too much junk food, staying up late, and drinking wine.



Best thing from this retreat is the group of women who are positive and supportive.



I love getting together with people who understand my LOVE of sewing!

Loved the camaraderie sharing ideas and helping each other figure out what might work better!



The fun and fellowship were the highlights of the retreat! Where else can you ask expert quilting advice from the same people that you sing old TV show songs with????! Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale.

The retreat was great. Lots of fun and companionship. Learned new things and renewed acquaintances. The golf course was good also.



Loved singing TV tunes with Jan

It's always fun to spend time with fellow quilters!



Once again the retreat was so much fun. The blend of talents was so inspiring. Everyone's support of each other was very gracious. Well done, Sally and everyone that organized the retreat.

Gerri teaches a glueing technique.



The best part is being with everybody! Seeing the creativity and reacquainting friendships.

**NO cooking & NO cleaning!** Just working on quilts, hanging out with people doing similar things, talking, getting to know people better & eating! :)

The quilt retreat was great. Food, sewing, fun and being with friends. Sally always does an amazing job. Stay tuned for next year....