

# Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



## 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 2023-2024

**President** – Johanna Adams  
**Vice President** – Virginia Daley  
**Secretary** – Kathy Thompson  
**Treasurer** – Suzy Kurelic

## Committee Chairs

**Programs** – Paula Tanner  
**Membership** - Kimberly Topper  
**Show and Tell** – Julie Bizzoso  
**Raffle Table** – Sally McKinley  
**Library** – Pat Gray  
**Challenge** – Kay Dejno  
**Hospitality** – Kay Crane  
**Fundraising** – ?  
**Publicity** – Millie Engebrigtsen  
**Website** - Helene Perez  
**Retreat** – Sally McKinley  
**Newsletter** – Jan Anderson

## Contact

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## President's Message

Welcome to a new year of The Lake Oconee Quilt Guild. The Board and I are looking forward to a great year. We hope that everyone else is feeling the same enthusiasm that we are. We plan to accomplish a lot, learn a lot and move ahead this year with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment. Remember this is YOUR guild and we need your participation to be successful.

Members will be showing us their talents in multiple ways, teaching workshops, presenting programs and in Show and Tell. Paula Tanner and her committee have some great programs and workshops planned and we will be looking for your participation to support your fellow quilters.

Sally McKinley has plans for the retreat well under way and this year we will have two work rooms and space for 45 people. Sign up will be at the Sept. meeting and we will encourage new people to sign up. It's such a fun way to get to know people and learn and share, Not to mention 4 days without interruption and no cooking. The cost is \$30 this year and due at sign up time in September. Please bring a check.

NEW: We will have a Market Table this year as a source of income and to allow you to purchase items for your sewing stash at greatly reduced prices. Robin Cassidy will be heading that up. Be sure to bring some cash or check and do some shopping. We will be having a We will also be looking for donations for this table. Have an extra fat quarter or two, a jelly roll you can't use, a tool or ruler you accidentally bought 2 of, or one you used on a project, and you know you won't use again? Donate it so that someone else can add it to their stash.

We will have a holiday mug rug exchange this year. Participation is optional, details will be at the meeting.

Dues will be \$30 this year, be sure to bring a check to the Sept. meeting. There will be a box on the raffle table. Drop off your check and why not buy a few raffle tickets while you're there.

We still are looking for a fundraising chairperson. Get with a few friends or make new ones and volunteer to become the fundraising committee.

Johanna Adams



## NEW OFFICERS 2024 - 2025

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: Remember you may need 4 separate checks at the September Meeting! WOW!

Cash is acceptable, You MAY NOT combine these items into one check. No bills larger than \$20.

\$30 for dues, \$30 for retreat, \$ for workshops, and \$ for the market table.

Payment due at sign up.



## Future Programs - Help Wanted from the Membership

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. Please help with program this year, we are looking for both ideas and volunteers. Please send ideas to Paula Tanner. [paulaper@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulaper@bellsouth.net)

## Programs - Paula Tanner, Linda Borough, Gloria Morrell & Cookie Noel

Imagination and creativity are basic to happy crafters. We invite you to share your personal experiences with making and enjoying things to cherish with our guild members. Many of us do more than quilt. Some of us just enjoy experiencing works of our creative membership. We share, we laugh, we admire our creations, and we find kinship with one another.

September is our first step in serving up a guild year filled with exciting "you" centered activities. Bring your pens/pencils and be ready to fill in what you are thinking should be our direction to grow in the coming years. Be sure to fill out the feedback forms provided at each meeting or workshop and drop them in the basket. We read them and use them to formulate our plans. If you have a negative experience, please be sure and include that on the comments section to help us consider those in the future.

You must sign up and pay in advance at our September Meeting for the October workshop. (We have a new policy of no refunds, but you can sell your spot to another attendee.) Workshop will be on **Wednesday, October 2nd, 10am-4pm**

We heard you and we're having Julie Bizzoso instruct us on making the circular flags we all fell in love with last year. She has adapted the original Old Glory Design to using seasonal and holiday design fabrics as seen in the photos. We are limited to 25 attendees.

The cost is \$30 for the necessary homework assignment directions including supply list (You receive this when you sign up.), pattern (You receive this at the beginning of the workshop.), and full day instruction. If you wish to buy the necessary 10-degree wedge ruler, we have a limited supply at \$10 or check your stash and see if you already have this ruler. If you miss out ordering these when signing up, you may have to borrow from someone in the class who is busily trying to use it. Several online suppliers have them for \$20+. We are continuing to try to get these at our price but the supplier is currently out of stock on this item. Check with us before you order if you miss out at time of registration. We may have been able to get them by then.

The homework instructions you will get when you register for the class state that you will need three fabrics that have a contrast to one another, 1/2 yd. of each; Sewing supplies required: Sewing machine in good working order and items needed to sew (thread, rotary cutter & mat, snips, etc.) For class you will need the same supplies. We will have a pressing station with irons set up for all. (When finishing your flag later you will need 1 & 1/4 yd. for binding and backing; batting to fit.)

As with all full day classes, you will need to bring your lunch with you that morning. This is a very precise instruction-oriented activity and you wouldn't want to miss a step.

Julie wants everyone to know that all proceeds from the workshop will go to the guild. Thank you, Julie.



## Membership - Kimberly Topper and Doddie Proctor

Members - Please a check for \$30 made out to LOQG or exactly \$30 dollars for dues. Don't forget your name tag or it will cost \$1.00. Tag replacements are \$5.00.

## Show & Tell - Julie Bizzosa 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 will have several really nice items on the raffle table so bring your money!!

## Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



This month the library is featuring a book called Quilting Makes the Quilt. Examples of the same quilt top are shown with different patterns quilted on them and what a difference the quilting makes in the overall look of each quilt.

At our meeting, there will be two very similar log cabin quilts that are quilted with very different designs. I'm interested to see which quilting design you prefer, so please stop by the library table & me know what you think.

Books checked out in June are due back at the Sept meeting

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

All are welcome to share snacks for our monthly meetings. Sign ups not required.



## Market Table - Robin Cassidy

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

We will be making 9 - Blocks from September – May. You will show your completed quilt tops in June. They do not need to be sandwiched or quilted. The pattern will show directions for a 12”and 6” block. You may make the 12”, 6”, or both in your design.

I will give you a block pattern each month. I want to encourage you to make 2 blocks, one for you and one in Red,White and Blue for QOV. **Keep** all your QOV blocks each month, turn them in at the June meeting and you will receive a “special” prize for doing that!

You will need a background fabric, at least 2 medium fabrics and 1 dark fabric. I can't tell you exact yardage because you may all finish your top differently. I encourage you to use your stash and challenge you NOT to buy any fabric for this, but it's up to you.

The patterns will be posted on our website each month in the Members Only Section.

Awards will be given for the Best use of Color, Best overall Design of your blocks, and Viewers Choice.

We are using Sherri McConnell's Block of the Month 2023 for our patterns. Look her up on her website [www.aquiltinglife.com](http://www.aquiltinglife.com)

## Member Spotlight – Kathy Thompson



My quilt story began in 1986 when I took my first quilt class. It was hand quilting. I made a quilt and a pillow then I really didn't do much more. In 2013 I learned how to machine quilt and made my son a t-shirt quilt and the rest is history. I learned to sew in high school and made some clothes with the help of my mother-in-law and through her I found the love of sewing.

I do my sewing on a Janome and an old Singer. The first quilt I completed was hand sewed and hand quilted for my step mom in 1986. The favorite fabric I love to use are Batiks and quilt shop cottons.

When asked if I had a stash I would have to say OH yeah, I definitely have a stash, doesn't everyone?Ha ha. My scraps, I keep my scraps and have made a few scrap quilts. I keep thinking that the scrap supply will dwindle down but I swear it just keeps growing.

My favorite notion is my 3 ½ x 12 ½ inch creative grids ruler. I typically spend about 5 - 10 hours a week sewing. (I'm retired) My favorite part of quilt making is putting the blocks together, I love to see the quilt come together. My least favorite part of quilt making would be the binding!

The best deals I have found have been at JoAnn's and I love to go to Patrick's in Covington GA. They have a wide selection, great sales and good prices on non sale fabric.

The best sewing tip that I would share would be:

Always read the instructions from beginning to end before starting your quilt.

### LOQG Spring Retreat - Sally McKinley



Sign up for retreat will begin at September meeting. I will have the sign up sheet at the raffle table. You must pay for retreat when you sign up. Cost this year will be \$30. We should be able to accommodate 42-45 quilters. We'll have extra room for extra quilters. Each person must be present in order to sign up. If you have any questions, feel free to text or call me.

### QOV Bee

- Quilts Of Valor Bee will meet the last Monday of the month from 10–2 at the Lutheran Church. All are welcome to come We will have some pillowcase kits available to pick up at the meeting. Of course we are always looking for someone to quilt the beautiful tops we make, so if you can do that, please see Kay Dejno.
  - September 30th
  - Donations of patriotic fabric are welcome at any time.

Finisher needed: Kris Rullison has a quilt top that was donated but it needs to be finished. Could be possibly used as a raffle for the guild. Please let Kris know if you'd like to finish this quilt.

**Members who will quilt for others:** Carol McRae and Kay Denjo.

- 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, please let Jan Anderson know so she can add you to the newsletter.

## Tips of the Trade

- Make sure to change your needle regularly.
- Read your cutting directions twice.
- A new rotary blade makes cutting easier.

