

May 2026

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



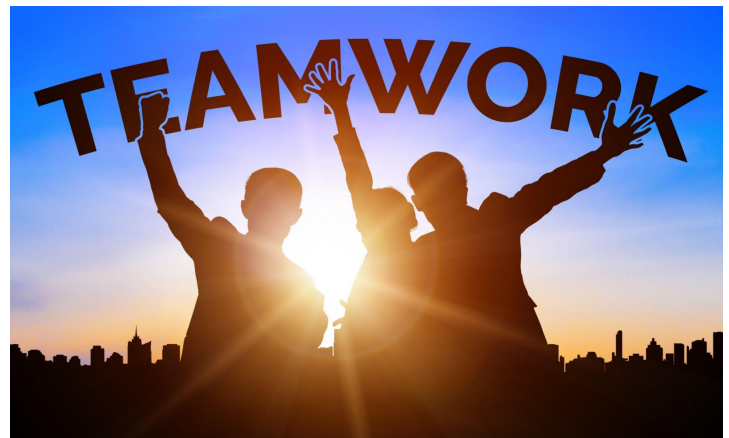
Quilt Picture
by
Karen Whitt

President's Message - Johanna Adams

As we near the end of the year and the annual sign up for positions, I am reminded of the children's story about The Little Red Hen. For those who don't remember, the story is about a hen who wants to plant a garden but needs help. Everywhere she goes the animals say, "No, I can't help" and each has a good reason to say no; no time, never done it before, afraid they can't do it well, not good with people, etc. The red hen does it all herself and yet, the others expect to share in the harvest when it becomes available. Hmmm?

We need a minimum of 17 people each year to run the Guild, yes that's almost 20% of our membership. Many positions only require help at meetings, some only an hour or two each month, and some are more of a time commitment, however past chairs are more than happy to help. We have a wonderful group who has stepped up for most positions this year, however there are still slots open, like secretary and newsletter, and fundraising. I ask if when you arrive at the meeting in May, please look at the chart and consider helping, step up. Without you, there is no guild.

Thank you.



OUR NEXT MEETING - May 5th
Following Meeting: June 2nd

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 2025-2026
President – Johanna Adams
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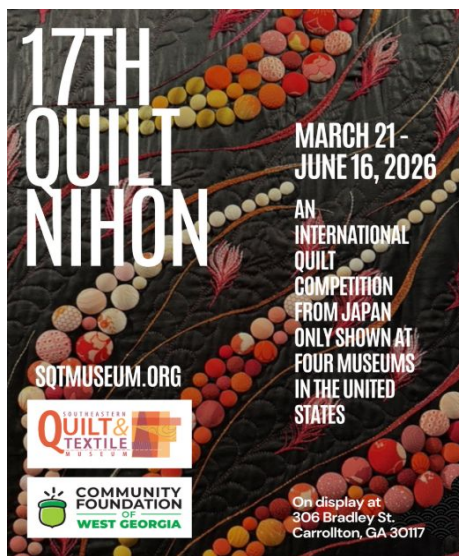
May: The Southeastern Quilt & Textile Museum will share their past, their present and their future. Located in Carrollton GA the museum was founded in 2013 and features three galleries, a classroom space with library, and a consignment-based gift shop.

Amy Loch, Executive director of SQTMM will talk about their mission to preserve and promote the history of quilting and textiles in the southeastern U.S. through rotating exhibits, educational programs, and workshops.



Southeastern Quilt & Textile Museum | Carrollton GA - Facebook

Open Tues-Sat from 10am-4pm. Closed S...
See posts on Facebook



Upcoming Exhibits

Georgia Mountains to Shores

Matriotism

19th Century Blues

Carroll County Quilts

Sacred Threads 2025

Upcoming Events and Classes

Featured



Annual Spring Fabric Sale

It's time for our annual Spring Fabric Sale! Support the museum when you shop for your next project. OR VOLUNTEER WITH US! SEE MORE...

May 2, 2025



Needlework Friends

Join us for a Needlework Friends Meet-Up. 1st Saturdays. Bring your current project and enjoy making new friends.

May 2, 2025



Needle & Thread Network Meeting

Do you love to crochet, knit, and/or embroider?? Save the date and join others for a fun evening as you work on a current project!

May 21, 2025

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

If you haven't finished your rows then please keep working on them. We will be looking forward to our Show and Tell at the **September** meeting! Please try to bring in your completed quilt top or quilt. I know that the rest of the members will love seeing what everyone accomplished.

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



Well, only 1 more for raffle table until September! Where did the first part of the year go? There will be some really good stuff so bring your \$\$\$. No raffle table in June because of our luncheon.

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



May will be the last month to check out books since the library will be closed in June for our social.

You may keep books over the summer that are checked out in May... four months to work on your projects!

Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

Be sure to sign up for our June luncheon by sharing your special dish with us. Casseroles, sandwiches, salads, vegetables, or fruits are all welcomed! We rely on guild members to make this a bountiful occasion!



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Hello Fellow Quilters!

Fundraising is focused on the Market Table. We will be at the Guild Meeting with our selection of fabrics. Thank you for cleaning us out last month!

The opportunity to order a shirt for 2026 is still available. The online store will close May 15 for delivery of shirts at the June meeting.

Please consider the opportunity to act as the fundraising chair for the coming year. We have one member willing if she can be a Co-Chair. This job will be easy, opportunities for raising \$\$ are in place: The market table, the shirts, we even have a quilter who volunteered a quilt for raffle. See you at the Guild meeting!



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

Only a little over 10 months until our next retreat. Dates have been set. Retreat will be **March 9-12**. I will start accepting the fee at our September meeting. Fee is still just **\$30**. Make check out to LOQG. The way time is flying by, it will be here before you know it!!! There are still plenty of open spots so go on and sign up!!!



QOV Bee - We meet on the last Monday of the month at the Lutheran Church from 10-2. We cut and sew blocks to make QOV quilts for our veterans. Please come and join us!

We will not meet in May, since that is Memorial Day. We will be honoring 3 veterans on May 24 at the Lutheran Church after the service. Please come and share this honor with these veterans.

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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**



Zipper Day – April 24

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

Member Spotlight – Beth DeMaille



Quilting has been my sanity savior and yielded many treasured friendships throughout my life. My love of the sewing machine started with a knee lift Singer and 4H/Make it with Wool Competitions. My mom guided my instruction and I took tailoring classes in college.

When our girls came along I took smocking and French hand sewing classes and even did consignment garments.

My first quilting class featured cardboard templates and hand piecing and not much enthusiasm. A move to Ohio, a neighbor with a rotary cutter and the Amish quilt shops nearby started my intense passion!

When we moved to Florida I arrived with totes of traditional and reproduction fabrics only to find these gals sewing with brights and batiks. My color palette increased and an interest in more modern looking quilts.

I own 7 machines, including embroidery and longarm. I love my Bernina machines and a good iron. I usually quilt most days for a few hours.

I also love to do handwork ...English Paper Piecing, wool and hand applique, hand quilting, embroidery and cross stitch.

My most recent new interest is rug hooking and that's turned out to be quite the rabbit hole. I love each step of the quilting process, especially now that I have a longarm (thank you Kaye Hlavaty) .

Quilting is happiness and love and it's meant to be shared.

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

- Make the quilt backing 9"-10" wider and longer than the quilt top to allow an extra 4"-5" of backing on each side of the quilt top in the quilt sandwich.
- To make a quick and easy pincushion, baste around the perimeter of a 5" -diameter circle of tightly woven fabric. Place a ball of steel wool in the center, and pull the basting tight. Then, hot glue the ball onto a sport drink lid.
- Decorative machine stitches often don't look like the diagram in the manual or on your machine. Make a stitch sampler of decorative machine stitches by stitching them on fabric backed with stabilizer. Write the stitch number and type of thread used by each stitch pattern.



EXTRA Extra Hospitality with Kathy Sands.

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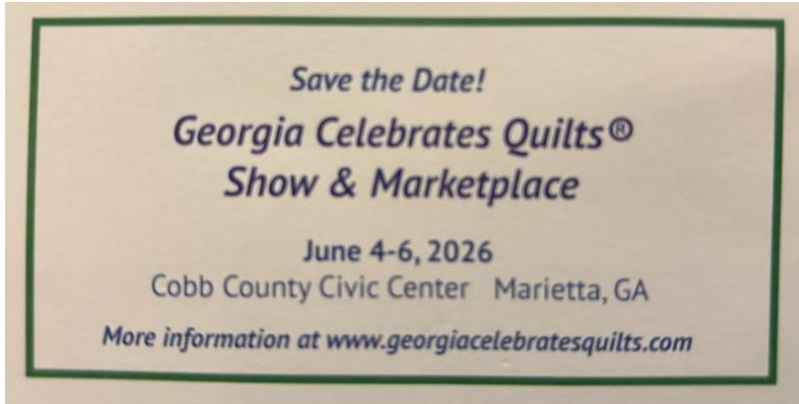
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**Sign Up
Now!!!**

Quilts for Doggies and Kitties

Please make a small quilt for the Lake Oconee Humane Society. Bring them to the Guild meeting and turn them into Suzy at the Membership table.





String  Story

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.



Meeting



Show & Tell



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Diane D. Knott from [Butterfly Threads Quilting](#)



