

December 2025

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



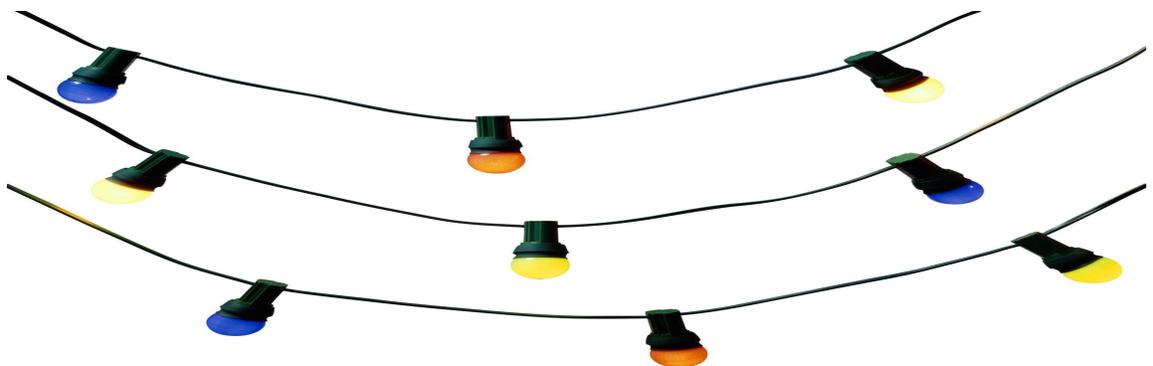
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President's Message - Johanna Adams

Wasn't the Quilts of Valor presentation wonderful? Everyone was so moved by the veterans and what they all had to say. The quilts were truly beautiful, and we want to thank all those who participated in making them. Thank you QOV Bee group.

The "first"; Thanksgiving is widely considered to be the 1621 harvest feast between the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag people. However, other earlier thanksgiving observances occurred, such as the 1619 event at Berkeley Hundred in Virginia. The modern, national holiday was established by President Lincoln in 1863, and its date was set by President Roosevelt in 1941. This Thanksgiving I am thankful for all of you, for your participation, your talents, your dedication and for the beautiful work we all get to see each month. I hope that each of you will be blessed this year and that we each have much to be grateful for.

Our Holiday luncheon is next month, **Dec. 9th**. We will meet at the regular time. We will probably have Show and Tell early. Remember your dish mat for exchange, your centerpieces or food if you signed up for some. We will also be having our row-by-row class, which has been so well- received we may need to do it again at some point.



OUR NEXT MEETING - December 9th **NOTE DATE CHANGE**
Following Meeting: January 6th

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 2023-2024
President – Johanna Adams
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Newsletter – Jan Anderson

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December

This meeting will be our Wonderful Members only luncheon. Don't forget to sign up to bring food, beverages, *butterscotch* and table decorations. The sign up list will be available at the November meeting if anyone wants to provide a "brunch" type dish to share. We have approximately 66 attendees, but hope everyone will be able to attend the December luncheon.

Remember to bring your handmade dish drying mat for the gift exchange.



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

Our row this month will be the Posy Flowers.

We will have a workshop after the December meeting. Come prepared to work on your posies.

Also, if you need help with your birds or just want to work on Christmas projects with friends, **The Eclectic Roost** will be open on **December 2nd from 9 - 4**. Bring you lunch and come sew.



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



No raffle table this month because of our Christmas luncheon. Save your money up for January!!!

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



The library will be closed in December due to our luncheon.

Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

Thank you all again for the awesomeness shown at the November guild meeting!! We are looking forward to the upcoming holiday luncheon at our next guild meeting. The brunch menu looks great!

Board members, remember our **set up day** is on **Monday, December 8, at 10:00**.



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Thank you all for your support!

All 300 tickets have been sold. The drawing will be held on **December 2, 2025** as advertised on the tickets. (I was not aware of the schedule change for our Guild meeting when the tickets were printed). The drawing will be held with a group of witnesses: Robin Cassidy, Johanna Adams, several members of the charity quilting group from Johanna's church, and myself. Good luck to you all.

Please order your t-shirt or sweatshirt. The online store is still open....
Delivery will be in January.

Look through your stash and donate fabric for the Market Table. We are low on inventory. Another Guild member will fall in love with the fabric that you no longer embrace. Thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. See you in December.



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

December is last month to pay for retreat. There are still 4 slots left. This would be a great time to attend if you have never been to our retreat. After you attend the first time, you'll keep coming back. It's a great time to get to know more people in our guild. And you'll learn so much!!



QOV Bee - Thanks to everyone who supported our November QOV presentations. It was a wonderful day. We presented two quilts to veterans in Milledgeville on Nov. 14th and then to another veteran in Del Web on Nov. 17th.

Our **Bee** will meet on **Dec. 29th** at the Lutheran Church to continue our work to make quilts for veterans. The hours are from **10 - 2**. Please join us if you can.



Zipper Day – April 24

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

Member Spotlight – Kaye Hlavaty



I started quilting when I retired here at Lake Oconee in 2007.. I had always sewed and was into crafts, but never quilted. It was Barbara Callahen who invited me to a guild workshop to make a tote. I was hooked and joined the guild. The rest is history. I LOVE quilting and try to sew every day. I sew with a Baby Loc that does embroidery, a Baby Loc Grace that I take to classes, and a Baby Loc Tiara that I use for quilting. About 6 years ago, when my mom passed away, she left me some money so I purchased a Bernina which I use for piecing. The first quilts I completed were twin bed quilts for my boys. They were hand pieced and quilted. When I was teaching science, I had my students each paint an element block and then made a periodic table quilt for my classroom. I tend to finish quilts that I start, but right now I have 3 UFO's.

I enjoy working with all fabrics, but I tend to like batiks because of the color richness. I have a stash and every year I say I'm going to NOT buy any more fabric, but..... Since I love to paper piece, my favorite tool is the add a quarter ruler. I also recently got a cordless iron, which I love too. I try to sew every day for at least an hour or two.

My favorite part of quilting....I love the quilting part. I can just sit down and sew the hours away. My least favorite of quilting.....I wish I could have someone to sandwich the quilts for me. I have arthritis in my back and it is difficult sometimes. I don't know where the best deals are on fabric or notions. If I need something, I just go and buy it.

The best sewing tip I can share is join a guild or connect with quilting friends. I have learned so much from speakers and classes and have had "sew" much fun with my quilting friends.

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 a seam/quilting guide to easily stitch parallel lines. Stitch the first line of quilting. Set the guide the desired space between the stitched lines. Position the guide on the previous line of stitching as you sew a new line.
- I often combine hand and machine quilting. I first machine quilt in the ditch using a walking foot. Then, I add hand quilting in the spaces where it will show.
- The NEXT time you go for an eye exam *Mistletoe*, take your quilting with you to show the optometrist what you need to be able to see!



EXTRA Extra Hospitality with Kathy Sands.

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Quilts for Doggies and Kitties

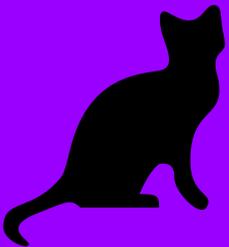
We are asking all Quilt Guild Members to make a quilt for the Lake Oconee Humane Society and bring it to the November and/or December meeting. We would like to deliver them to the Shelter in time for the Holiday Adoption Season.

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.



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March 20-22, 2026

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Hilton Head Island, SC

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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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March 20 -22, 2026

Fri & Sat 10a - 5p; Sun 10a -2p
Admission \$15 multi day;
under 18 free

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Hilton Head Island, SC



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Show & Tell



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Row By Row Workshop



**QOV
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Michael Elliott



Dr. John Lindsay

