

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



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
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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
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President's Message – Jeanne Sewell

We had a great September meeting where we welcomed ten new members and two visitors. The Show and Tell revealed the amazing talent of our guild quilters. It truly was inspiring. Kathy Sands out did herself with the coffee and brunch food! I plan to contribute to the brunch items for our October meeting and hope that others will do so, too.

We had a good turnout for the Quilts of Valor (QOV) two sewing days. A huge thanks to Nancy Stafford for making the arrangements. Many of us worked with pre-existing quilt blocks to start making or finishing the quilt tops. At the end of the two-day sewing spree, many beautiful quilt tops were displayed hanging over the rows of chairs.

Nancy has planned additional QOV sewing day on January 11-12 and April 12 - 13. Mark your calendars if you want to volunteer for the QOV community service. Sewing days provide a great way for new members and novice quilters to develop friendships and be mentored in the art of quilting. All fabric and patterns are provided. Participants need to bring their sewing machine, supplies and an extension cord.

We have two fun hands-on programs planned for October. And be sure to come to our November meeting where our guild members, who are also Quilts of Valor members, present quilts to middle Georgia veterans. It is heart-warming to learn about the contributions veterans have made during their service years.

I am looking forward to our October meeting and hope to see you there! Happy quilting!



October Programs – Cate Pond

There are two separate classes for October:

- **On Tuesday, October 4th**, following the business meeting and lunch, Kimberly Topper will be teaching a class on making this adorable bobbin pin. You can add your own charms as well as the ones Kimberly has. There is still room to sign up and you can pay the \$5 at the meeting. Plan on bringing a pair of needle nose or round pliers to the class. You can bring your lunch if you would like.



- **On Wednesday, October 5th**, Kay Dejno will teach a beginning paper piecing class from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Kay will provide a kit with the fabric and pattern. We will make this 5 ½ inch pumpkin block. Plan to arrive at 9 a.m. to set up your machine and materials. Class will start at 9:30 a.m. If we finish before lunch, feel free to bring lunch and continue to sew after lunch. We have the church until 2 p.m. Here are the supplies needed:



Sewing machine and accessories
A quarter ruler if you have one, if not bring a small ruler
Rotary cutter
Iron and mat
Glue Stick

There is no fee for the class but a donation to the Quilts of Valor is requested. Please text Kay by September 30th if you plan to attend so she will have enough kits for everyone (770 312-0474).

November Program – Cate Pond and Nancy Stafford



Our November meeting will once again honor veterans with a Quilts of Valor presentation.

Membership – Kathy Henderson and Josie Elsberg

Please welcome TEN new members to the guild! That is truly unprecedented! Jan Anderson has been quilting five years and considers herself an intermediate level quilter. She says her inspiration to quilt comes from her church and she loves to sing! Pam Atkinson is a beginner quilter inspired by her mother, grandmother, and a close friend to start quilting. She prefers traditional quilts with bright colors. Mary Bustion has been quilting traditional quilts for several years, but she still considers herself a beginner quilter. She is one of the hand quilters among our new members. Judy Chambers is a beginner that prefers traditional quilts, applique, batik fabrics and bright colored fabric. Chris Courtney has been quilting for 20 years, loves applique and floral fabrics and she also hand quilts. Susan Etherton has taken up quilting again this past year since she retired. She loves traditional and contemporary quilts and was inspired to start quilting 25 years ago by a teachers group in Germany. Anitha Lee has been quilting for six months. Her inspiration to start quilting came from a recent trip to Kentucky and learning about the quilting art. Quilters understand how inspiring those trips to Paducah can be! Gloria Morrell has two friends in the guild that she credits for influencing her to start quilting. Thank you Susan Garrett and Barbara Callahan! She has been quilting about a year and prefers contemporary designs. Kelly Sandquist has been quilting for 30 years! Wow! She likes all types of quilt designs with floral and 1930s reproduction fabrics and is the only long arm quilter in the group. Harriette Scott was inspired by her grandmothers to start quilting 20 years ago. She likes traditional quilts with all types of fabrics and enjoys both hand and machine quilting. What a wonderful way to start off our new guild year!

All current members that haven't paid their dues should bring a check to the meeting on October 4th. See you there!

Ways and Means – Suzy Kurelic



The fabric kits for the raffle quilt will be available at the October meeting. Each of the blocks is paper pieced. Sign up for the free paper piecing class (information under programs) so you can learn how to paper piece and then you can make one of the blocks.

Many thanks to Kay Crane, Clare Kranzmann, Barbara Griffiths and Kathy Sands for preparing the kits for distribution.

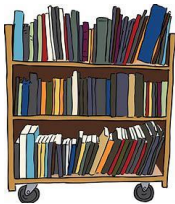
Challenge Quilt – Shari Ball



The Guild Challenge for June 2023 is....HEXIES! They are everywhere. Just keep your eyes on shapes and potential projects. The challenge this year is the use of Hexies. These can be the normal Hexies or patterns that read as a hexagon. Use at least 7 in a project of your choice. The project can be utilitarian (mug rugs, hot pads, pillows, pincushions, Christmas ornaments). Wall hangings and small quilts should be at least 14" x 18". Larger projects at least 24" x 24" or larger.

The real challenge this year is for all of us to get on board and make something using hexagons. Use the fabric of your choice, choose your project and reveal in June at the luncheon. There will be prizes and participations pins.

Library – Pat Gray, Lisa Albury and Theresa Jackson



Gloria Chandler has graciously offered to donate the books to our library that did not sell at last month's meeting. However, we may not need to include all of them. Can you help us decide which ones to keep? Please stop by the library table at the October meeting and choose any book you are likely to borrow or would recommend. Thank you in advance for your help!

Social – Kathy Sands

Social is back! We need your help to make this successful each month so please Consider donating morning snacks for our October meeting.



Member Spotlight – Jeanne Sewell



Jeanne Sewell, our President this year, has been sewing since she was in grammar school. She started making quilts in her early 20's. Like many of our quilt guild members, she loves all kinds of different crafts. Her other hobbies are cooking and gardening. She hand quilted all of her quilts the first 15 years. Her favorite quilting technique is appliqué. She said she did not return to quilting until after she retired, so she is in the learning phase for machine quilting, the different new quilting tools and techniques. She enjoys using the Internet quilting self-help resources including YouTube videos and Facebook quilt groups.

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Jeanne is married and lives on Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville. She is originally from Columbus, Georgia where her father retired from the Army. She raised her family in Salisbury, Maryland before returning to Georgia to be closer to her parents and to teach full-time. She has a son, step-son, step-daughter, and six grandsons. Before retiring from Georgia College, she taught in the School of Nursing and in the university's Center for Teaching and Learning. As a registered nurse, she spent half of her career as a clinician and the other half teaching. Her clinical specialty was nursing informatics (the use of computers and technology in nursing). She authored four editions of the textbook, *Informatics and Nursing: Opportunities and Challenges*.

Other News



LOQG Spring Retreat – Payment of \$25 for the retreat is due anytime. Sally would like to have all money in no later than January. That includes even those on waiting list because there's a really good chance that you'll be able to attend!



Raffle Table - Bring plenty of money. There are lots of goodies you just can't live without!!! Donations for the raffle table are always welcome!



Fall Retreat - Our member Karen Parsons has set up a fall quilting retreat and get away for interested members. It is November 6-10 at the Guy Harvey Resort (904 471-2555) in St. Augustine, FL. The room rate is \$129 per night (group name Stitches) plus a one time conference room fee of \$30. For more information, contact Karen at 860 849-6013.