

January 2025

# Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



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## President's Message

HO HO HO Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that blessings abound in your household and that 2025 (can you believe that?) brings good things your way. I don't make resolutions, and the plans I have made for quilting will take me until about 2075. It's not even January and I'm already at least 5 years behind. You too? I feel blessed to be a part of this guild and thank you all for your participation and inspiration.

For those that missed the Christmas/Holiday lunch, you missed a fun time. We had wonderful games, helping us to get to know people a little better. Thank you, Paula. The Mug rug exchange was fun but rushed so maybe a show and tell for the next time, the consensus seems to be that we should do it again. The food was great and plentiful, thank you to those who prepared it, and our hospitality crew that did the set up, clean up and so much more. I know everyone went home feeling full and blessed. The centerpieces were donated for door prizes, and several people donated multiple centerpieces. Thank you, your generosity was appreciated.

We will resume the Market Table and Raffle Table in January, so save a few of those Christmas dollars to spend at the guild. Bring a favorite treat to share. Sign-ups will be available for future classes; remember you must pay at sign-up time. The library will be open, remember to return books that were taken out in October. I know Pat will have suggestions for books on the latest technique you want to try, so stop by and see her.

There will be a fun and informative program and don't forget to bring your Show and Tell. Have you signed up for the post card class? I am looking forward to it, remember to bring some scraps.

Wow! Sounds like a full day to me. I hope you plan to attend to get the year started right, and bring a guest who wants to know about quilting.

Johanna Adams

### 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

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**Library** – Pat Gray  
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**Fundraising** – Karen Whitt  
**Publicity** – Millie Engebrigtsen  
**Website** - Helene Perez  
**Retreat** – Sally McKinley  
**Newsletter** – Jan Anderson

### Contact

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OUR NEXT MEETING - January 7th  
Following Meeting: February 4th



**January:** Our special guest speaker for the January meeting is Frances Arnold from the Athens Cotton Patch Quilters Guild in Athens, GA. The title of her presentation is “Looking at the World Through Quilt Colored Glasses.” Some of you may remember her as a member of our guild once upon a time. Frances has traveled to many exciting and interesting locations throughout the world and has journaled these travels as well as local sights with her fabric art.

**January Workshop:** The workshop to follow our meeting in January is being presented by one of our own members, Hattie Dunlap. Bring your lunch and join us just after the general meeting for creating fabric postcards. Check the website for information about the workshop and if you want to attend and haven’t signed up and paid, you can do that during the general meeting. We have a few slots left to fill.



**February meeting:** February is a series of topics presented by three of our members: Lynn Genutis shares her expertise in “Characteristics of Fabric,” Theresa Jackson shows us her skills in “Making Points Match,” and Kathy Roper shares her method of “Handcrafting Chenille.” You will have the opportunity to view each of these presentations during our regular program timeframe.

**March meeting:** CRAFT MONTH.....Remember to be gathering up your personal craft-centered items for the March meeting. We will have the opportunity of sharing our “other than quilting” items with one another for our program. Who knows what might capture your creativity and take your crafting into an additional area?

**May’s Workshop:** A heads up for May’s program: We will have a Members’ Trunk Show of “Quilts Made from Precuts” so be thinking of what you can showcase as part of the program. We will still have “Show and Tell” at that meeting Jolly Rancher.



**Back by popular demand, we’ll have Shari Ball and Virginia Daley conduct our “Quiz the Quilters” portion of the program for each of the meetings this new year.**

Contact email: [paulaper@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulaper@bellsouth.net)

Support your guild and have fun doing it.

Dues are **\$30.00** this year. Don't forget your badge. It will be **\$1** for all forgotten badges and **\$5.00** if we have to replace your badge. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Show & Tell - Julie Bizzoso and Kelly Sandquist

Photos of your quilts will be taken between 9:30 am and 10:15 am. No photos will be taken after that. Of course, you can still show your quilts! They just won't be pictured on the website.



Please bring your quilts to be photographed before placing them on the chairs. Sign in, get a gorgeous picture taken, and then place your quilts in the designated area so that the rest of us can ooh and ahhh over them. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Raffle Table - Sally McKinley and Wanda Hamrick



The raffle table is back!! There will be lots of really cool goodies that you just can't live without.

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



To return your book, please give it to a library committee member (Pat Gray or Lisa Albury) so that we are able to keep up with our library inventory. Also, if you bring a project from one of the library books, please mention the book at Show & Tell. Thanks.

Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

Thank you everyone for bringing in the goodies and treats for everyone to share. It was all delicious.



Market Table - Robin Cassidy

Happily the Market table has been embraced by you all. It will be back in January. January is the next month we will be accepting additional donations. When making your contributions, all fabric should be a minimum of a fat-quarter in size please. Thank you to all who have made such generous donations to our inventory.

## Fundraising - Karen Whitt

Happy Holidays to all! I appreciate the support the members have shown for the Fundraising efforts to benefit the Guild. A few updates:

We will have samples of the T-Shirt and Sweatshirt that will be available for purchase. We will provide written instructions to access the online store to complete your purchase. The store will be available for the month of January. Once the store is closed, the shirts will be produced. The vendor anticipates two weeks for completion of all orders. The shirts will be delivered to Guild for distribution at a meeting.

Kits for projects to be completed for the Dairy Festival fundraising event will be available starting at the January meeting. These are meant to assist members who want to share their talents and create items to be sold. If you have a favorite project and would prefer to make those and donate for the fundraising effort please do!

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

If you are making the extra challenge blocks for QOV, I prefer the 12" blocks for that. For your own quilt, make as many 6" and 12" blocks as you wish to put together for your challenge quilt.

Hope you are having fun with this and enjoying the experience. Text me or email me about any questions. The January block will be on the website in the members only section, under Challenge.

## Member Spotlight – Helene Perez



My story: My 3 children, who are now adults, are very close in age. While they were at home, I dedicated almost all my spare time to them. When they left for college, I was "lost". A friend offered to teach me how to quilt. I was reluctant because I did not have a good relationship with my sewing machine. I have a strong technical background and am very goal oriented, so this hobby stuck and has been my passion for the past 10 years.

My sewing machines are Baby Lock and Brother. My longarm is a Handi Quilter.

My first quilt was a Blooming Nine Patch. I have many UFO's... I can't even count them.

My favorite fabric to work with are the Batiks. I have stash because I can never pass up a good sale.

My favorite notion would depend on what I'm working on. I love the Quilter Select products.

I usually head to my sewing room after I get my chores done. Usually 3 to 4 hours a day.

I love all the parts of quilt making except for the fabric matching!

I find the best deals on fabrics and notions online at quilt stores. Alternatively on Amazon or big box stores.

My sewing tip: I tag my ufo's with the dates I started them and other useful information so when I get back to them I'm not starting from scratch. I also take pictures of a project when it's completed that I store in a virtual folder.

### LOQG Spring Retreat - Sally McKinley



Dates for retreat are **March 11 - 14**. New members - come join us!!! Fee is \$30 for 3 1/2 days of fun!!! No cooking, cleaning or answering phones ( unless you want to). Little Ocmulgee Lodge has rooms about (\$140/night). If you don't have a roomie, I may be able to help you find one. Once you attend one, you'll come back every year!!! If you're a new quilter, you can learn so much from all our phenomenal quilters!! I will have the info sheet to give out in January. If you have any questions, you can call, text or email me.

Make sure you bring your check for \$30. If you have already signed up, go ahead and make your room reservation at Little Ocmulgee State Park. Tell them you are with LOQG. **March 11 - 14 2025**

**QOV Bee** - Mark your calendars with these dates Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 25, Apr. 29, May (no meeting) and June 29

A bee is a great way to meet fellow quilters and really get to know them. We encourage all of you to get involved!

**Public Service Announcement:** Anyone who received a mug rug from Hattie Dunlap at the December luncheon is advised to use Carbona or Color Catchers when they launder the mug rug. Underneath the wonderful design is a Red potholder from The Dollar Tree.

### Allied Arts Quilt Challenge Show

200 N. Wayne St - Milledgeville, GA

Show is January 8th - January 28th **M-F 9am - 4pm**

**Reception will be Friday, January 10th 5 - 7 p.m. ALL are invited**

### 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](mailto:vdaley@msn.com)
- Creative Threads By Millie Engebrigtsen Custom quilts and Longarm Services 704-941-0901
  - [creativethreadsbymillie@gmail.com](mailto:creativethreadsbymillie@gmail.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

- Before shopping for additional fabrics for a quilt, make a record of the fabrics you have at home. Scan the fabrics and note on the print out where each was purchased and the amount of each fabric that you have.
- When sewing a decorative machine stitch, set your machine to half speed and push your foot pedal all the way down. This will give you consistent, even stitches.
- Thread comes wrapped on a spool two different ways: cross-wound or stacked. For best results, please cross-wound thread on a horizontal spool pin and stacked thread on a vertical spool pin.



HELP..... if you can please collect items needed to help others get through this winter season.

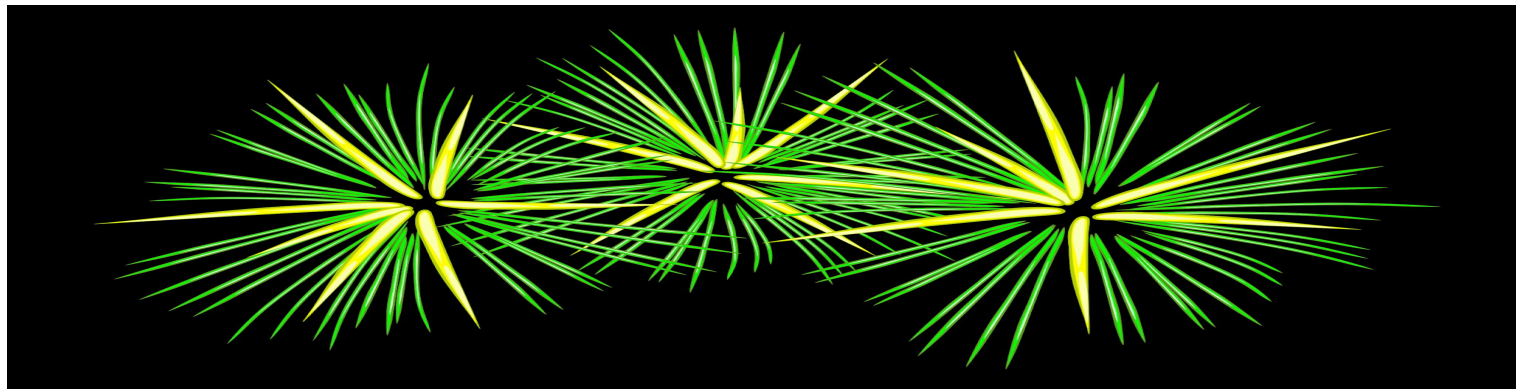
Quilts, blankets, jackets, scarfs, hats, gloves, underwear, socks, etc..

A.S.A.P. to Geri Wires # 770-371-4022 133 Edgewood Ct. Eatonton  
or Carolyn White # 706-453-0538 1580 Shady Oaks Lane Greensboro

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**Scraps....**The Sew Sew Studio in Bogart, GA is collecting scraps from quilts to use as stuffing for the dog beds they are making to donate to the shelters. Please collect your scraps and bring them to our monthly meetings and give them to Suzy Kurelic. She will drop them off at Sew Sew Studio. Small, stained or faded quilts may be donated also.





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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: Checks and Cash are acceptable, You MAY NOT combine items into one check. No bills larger than \$20 please. \$30 for dues, \$30 for retreat, \$ for workshops, and \$ for the market table.

Payment due at sign up.



BEFORE the December Meeting.....

A big Thanks goes out to Kathy's husband Thomas for helping with the rolling out of the tables and helping where needed.





# December Meeting





Meeting Game Activity...find someone today that matches the description and have them sign the block.

Makes you feel welcome here



Has a treadle machine



Makes cherry cobbler



Has on a Christmas sweater

Reads romance novels



Has a love for crafts other than sewing



Likes Sewing by hand

Has lived in more than 2 states

Makes charity quilts

Always has a positive word to say



# Brunch



The First table called!



The Last table called



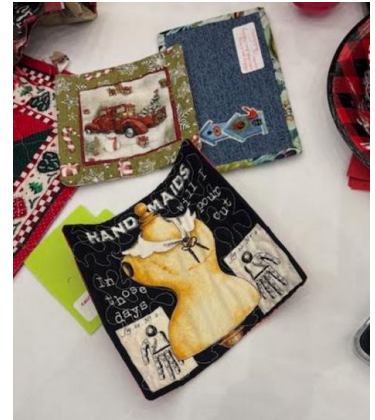
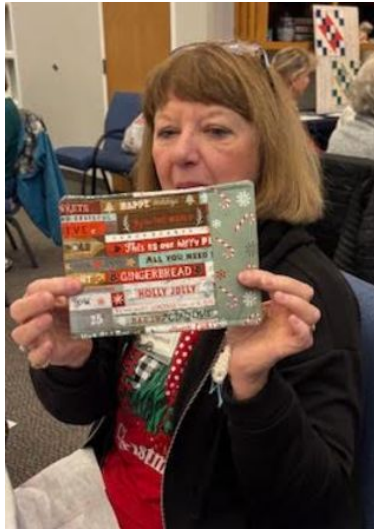
The second to Last table called



Caught eating dessert first!



Mug Rug Exchange





Show & Tell

