

June 2025

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



Picture by
Suzy Kurelic

President's Message

We are at the end of our year. It's been an interesting and fun year, with some kinks thrown in, like the month without a microphone. We are ending the year on a positive note with regards to our budget. Thanks to all of you and your support we are continuing to thrive and look forward to great things next year. Thank you all for your positive attitude, your willingness to help and your response to new ideas and challenges. You are the stitches that hold this guild together, and like a patchwork quilt, each piece is unique, yet when all put together the design is beautiful.

We continue to need a leader for programs. Our board members have stepped up and we have programs covered through December and some ideas coming together for 2026. We will continue to ask for someone (or a group) to head this committee or there may not be any workshops this next year, which is a sad thing for new members wanting to learn and returning members looking for new challenges. We can consider one or two outside speakers this next year. However, without someone willing to take charge that won't happen. Please consider volunteering for this role.

We'll be sorry to see Millie Engebriksen leave us. She was our publicity chairperson this past year and did a wonderful job getting the word out about our guild. Millie actually lives in South Carolina and stayed with her daughter here so she could attend our meetings and has done all the publicity remotely. Her daughter is moving from the area so she'll be looking for a guild in South Carolina. Talk about dedication, thank you Millie, we'll miss you. Yes, we will be looking for someone to take over publicity.

I wish to thank all of you for your enthusiastic support of the people on the Board and all the volunteers who continue to make this guild successful. I feel truly blessed to be part of this organization and look forward to next year.

Have a safe and happy summer.

OUR NEXT MEETING - June 3rd
Following Meeting: September 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 2023-2024
President – Johanna Adams
Vice President – Virginia Daley
Secretary – Kathy Thompson
Treasurer – Suzy Kurelic

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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 – Karen Whitt
Publicity – Millie Engebriksen
Website – Helene Perez
Retreat – Sally McKinley
Newsletter – Jan Anderson

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secretary@loqq.org

Remember that the fees collected for workshops this year were donated by each presenter to the guild. So please join next year's Programs & Workshops Committee and help to provide first class programs like these in the future.

Also please take the time to thank these generous members who prepared and presented our workshops:

October, conducted by Julie Bizzoso

November, conducted by Kay Djeno and Suzy Kurelic

January, conducted by Hattie Dunlap

March, conducted by Kay Crane

April, conducted by Nancy Lambert. **Our next day one**, conducted by Theresa Jackson

May, conducted by Jenny Durrance. **Our next day one**, conducted by Carolyn White

Also thank those who prepared, presented, and assisted in presenting programs:

October, presented by Paula Tanner

November, presented by the Quilts of Valor Bee

December, presented by Kay Crane, her Social Committee and Paula Tanner

January, paid presenter, Frances Arnold

February, presented by Kathryn Roper, Lynn Genutis and Theresa Jackson

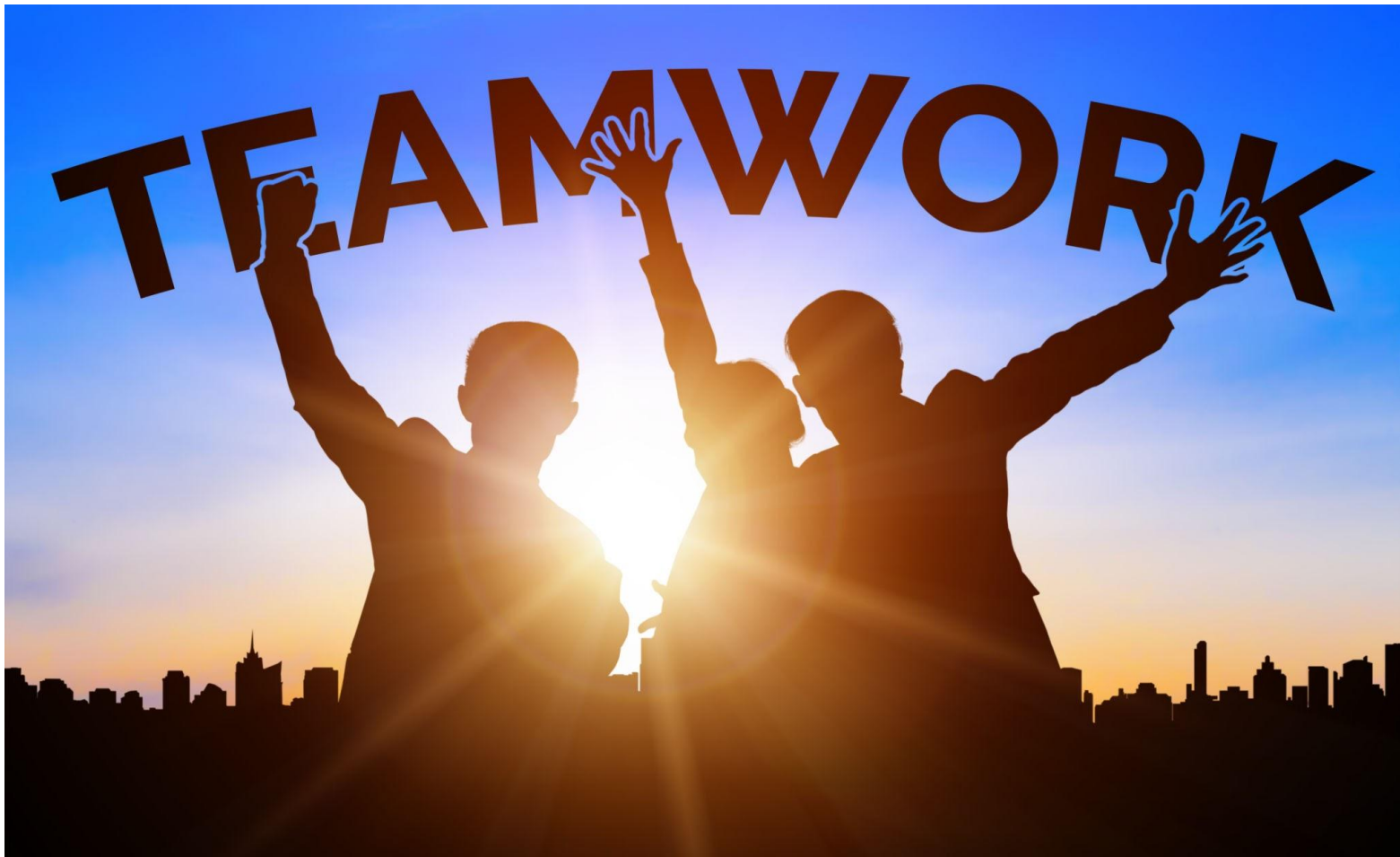
March, all our LOQG crafters

April, Nancy Lambert

May, Julie Bizzoso, Sonya Winterrowd, Libba Holmes and all our member displayers

June, Kay Crane, her Social Committee and Kay Dejno's Quilt Challenge Contest

****Appearances at various meetings for Quiz the Quilters, Shari Ball & Virginia Daley**

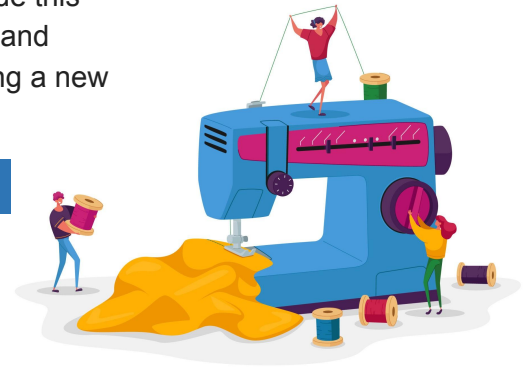


Membership has had its issues this year but 100+ members have made this organization strong and very talented. Thank you all for your support and patience. Looking forward to next year and I encourage you all to bring a new person to the September meeting.

Show & Tell - Julie Bizzoso and Kelly Sandquist



NO SHOW & TELL THIS MONTH.....
24-25 QUILT CHALLENGE ONLY



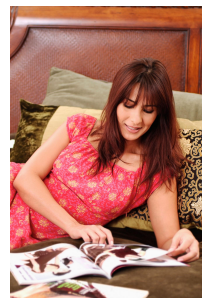
Raffle Table - Sally McKinley and Wanda Hamrick



No raffle table this month since it is our June Luncheon. We will be back in September!!!

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

We look forward to our end of year luncheon at June's LOQG meeting. If you didn't sign up to bring something to share, it's not too late. Feel free to share your special dish with us.

A short (30 minutes) Netflix documentary worth watching is called, "The Quilter." Check it out.



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Thank you to all the ladies. We have an amazing assortment for the Dairy Festival table. I hope June 7th will be a record breaking day of fundraising for the Guild.

I want to express my great appreciation to my elves. Could not have done all we did this year without Robin Cassidy. The team that prepared all the project kits for festival items, Robin, Kathy Thompson and Laura Kleinschmidt were amazing!

Kudos to Kimberly Topper for helping our team (Robin Cassidy and Mary Ann Shelton) learn to make the beaded badge holders.

You all are stuck with me for another year. So we will see each other again!

Spring Retreat - Sally McKinley

There are still slots available for our March retreat. I will start taking money (\$30) for retreat in September. All money must be paid by the December meeting. I will need to let Little Ocmulgee know how many sewing rooms we will need.



Member Spotlight – Kelly Sandquist



My journey started when a friend of mine had started quilting. I sewed but I had never quilted. When I saw what she was doing, I wanted to learn too! This was over 35 years ago. My friend patiently taught me what she had learned and then I turned it into a business. I sell Moda fabric and I do long arming.

I sew with an ELNA sewing machine and an INNOVA long arm machine. I made my first quilt when I was 18, I cut squares with a cardboard template... I'm sure it wasn't squared... Then sewed them together. I tied the corners with yarn. My granddaughter wanted the quilt when we moved.

When people ask me about my UFOs, I usually say quite a few... But a quick count, I think at least 15. My favorite fabric to work with is 100% cotton. I used to have a huge stash, I got rid of a lot when we moved here. I do have a whole closet of Moda fabric, though! My business is called The Quilting Closet.

My favorite notions are my rulers and rotary cutters. I probably sew or quilt 3 to 4 days a week... I'm always working on something. The most favorite part of quilting is well... I like it all... From planning a quilt, to cutting, piecing, quilting, and binding. If I had to pick a least favorite part of quilting, it would probably be... putting the binding on, especially on a big quilt.

Where do I find the best deals on fabric and notions? Well, I'm a Moda dealer so I get 1/2 off fabrics and notions... I also get fabrics from Hobby lobby when it's 40% off.

The sewing tip that I'd like to share is when I teach people to quilt, I always say check and recheck your 1/4" seam. You can't go by a 1/4" foot or marking. You may have to adjust your needle. Being even 1/16th off on every seam, adds up to a lot on a large quilt! Also, PRESS, don't IRON. There is a difference.

We will be showing our quilt for our Challenge at the June meeting. Bring your blocks all sewn together as a quilt top. It does not have to be quilted.

I will be set up near the front next to registration table. Do not put your name on the quilt. When you come in you will be given a number to attach to your quilt. Then drape your quilt over chairs like we do for show and tell.

We will vote on **Best overall design**, **Best use of color**, and **Your favorite**.

You can also turn in your QOV Quilt or blocks in the bag I gave you. Be sure your name is on the bag so I can give credit to the maker. Thanks for participating in our Challenge this year. I hope it was a fun experience.



Other News

QOV Bee - Our QOV bee will **NOT** be meeting in May because our day falls on Memorial Day. We will be meeting during the summer. So if your around on the **last Monday of June, July or August**, please come. We meet at the Lutheran Church from **10 – 2**. We have quite a few quilts to give away and not enough veterans signing up. So I'm asking you to get in your neighborhood, church, etc and find some veterans we can honor with a quilt.



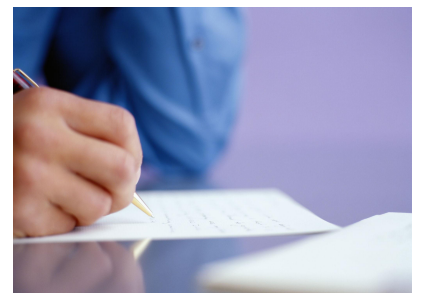
EXTRA Extra Hospitality with Kathy Sands. We want to be a part of our fellow quilters lives. We want to share the good times and the bad. If you know of any fellow quilters who would enjoy hearing news or just dropping them a line please let me know. #706-467-1089 or kgs2149@aol.com



Hey members, just drop a line or call.

One of our members, Cecilia Smith is living in South Carolina and she would love to hear from you!

Cecilia Smith
176 Village Center Blvd. Apt 250
Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29579
843 742-5590



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
- Creative Threads By Millie Engebriksen Custom quilts and Longarm Services 704-941-0901
 - 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.



HELP..... if you can please collect items needed to help others get through this winter season. Quilts, blankets, jackets, scarfs, hats, gloves, 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



The Dairy
Festival
will be
June 7th.

Dairy Festival '25
Raised on Dirt &
Hard Work

Tips of the Trade

- Different types of stabilizer look and feel the same. Use a pen to write the type on each piece so you won't get them confused.
- The next time you're at your favorite quilt shop, ask for an empty fabric bolt board. Wrap the board with an old towel safety pinned in place to make a lightweight, portable ironing surface to take to your next workshop.
 - Create a pillow sleeve for the board with handles at the top to easily carry it AND attach pockets on each side to hold your favorite rulers. Great way to keep them from bending.
- When sewing or quilting, place a small square of batting next to your machine to catch your fabric snips and thread tails.

NEW UPDATE



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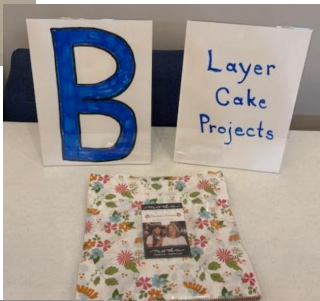


Sonya Winterrowd will share with us her functional jelly roll trivets and rugs.



A demonstration of making original bargello quilts to start you on a fun journey of 'what ifs' will be given by Julie Bizzoso.

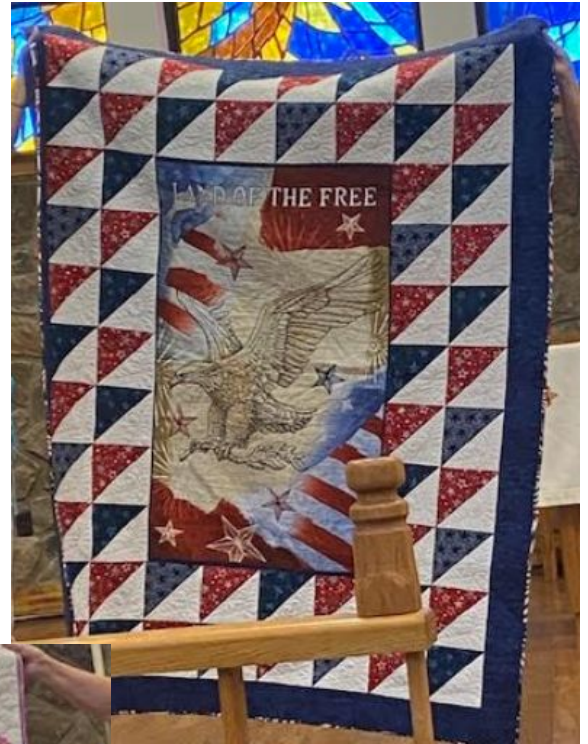
Libba Holmes coordinated and facilitate our members' great precut trunk show.













In Remembrance of Regina Carter

A wife, mom, grandmother, aunt, sister and quilter. Regina will be missed by the entire quilt guild but she will be remembered for her friendship, her eye for colors and design and her spectacular quilting.



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Regina was so helpful when I first got my quilt machine. She came to my house and gave me so many tips. What a special lady and so talented.
- Carol McRae

In March of 2020, Regina saved my skin. I was commissioned to make a king sized T-shirt quilt. When I tried to quilt it using my BabyLock Coronet I found that my machine wouldn't handle it. Regina allowed me to use one of her machines to finish it. She made me swear not to tell anyone that she let me use her machine. She had a humble servants heart. I can't help wondering how many other secret kindnesses there are in her circle. Our community lost a great asset with her passing. - Theresa

