

February 2025

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



Quilt pic: Julie Bizzoso



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

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President's Message

Can you believe that we're looking at Valentines, St. Patty's and Easter now. The holidays are all running together it seems, both in the stores and in our sewing rooms. Our visions of sugar plums have turned to hearts, shamrocks and bunnies overnight. I hope you're well on your way to spring quilting, whether it's shamrocks or crosses and bunnies. I hope all your projects turn out just as you planned.

Speaking of spring quilting, do you have all your projects planned for the retreat? It's amazing what you can get done with 3 days of uninterrupted sewing. Start making a list now so you don't forget anything. My husband does not cook, so that means I get all his meals ready in advance to just be heated up. Yes, he is spoiled, bad me, so 3 days without any cooking is amazing! I enjoy every minute.

The January program was wonderful. Frances was a great speaker and seeing the pictures of her travels and the quilts it inspired should have inspired each of us to reach out of our comfort zone and perhaps look at things around us as potential quilts. (excuse me, may I take a picture of your dress, floor, puppy, house?) Keep your eyes open for that spark and take a picture of it.

Thank you, Hattie for a fun and informative class on quilted postcards. I think everyone who attended learned something and we had fun. If you haven't signed up for a class lately, look at the upcoming options and try one. You always learn something new, even if it's something you've been doing for a long time.

Stay safe and warm. Being stuck inside on these cold winter days has advantages; you can get a lot of sewing done or organize your stash or binge watch your favorite show while you sew. Bring your latest to show and tell. See you in February.

Johanna Adams

OUR NEXT MEETING - February 4th
Following Meeting: March 4th

The Christmas Cards we signed at our December meeting were delivered to the Veterans in Milledgeville. The lady who received them hugged me so hard in gratitude. It was a great feeling. Thank you for participating.

February meeting: February brings our Ring-Around-the-Room program for three requested topics from our membership. Lynn Genutis will present "Characteristics of Fabric" at one of the stations. Theresa Jackson will present "Making Points Match" at another. Kathryn Roper will present "Handcrafting Chenille." We'll all circulate around the room for 15-minute sessions at each station. Remember to spread yourselves out equally among stations to begin, then promptly switch when time is called.

Virginia Daley and Shari Ball will entertain us each meeting with "Quiz the Quilters" and hopefully we'll have enough microphones to cover the questioners and the suggesters. Our feedback was that people in the rear of the room couldn't hear the suggestions given and that is the main reason for the exercise. We live and learn.

March meeting: March is National Craft Month. We want **you** to present your "Craft Other than Quilts" at our "Craft Share" meeting in March. All members are encouraged to bring their crafting ideas and production thereof to our general meeting. We will entertain one another with our activities when we're not quilting. Photography, basket weaving, doll making, rug hooking, crochet, knitting...the list is endless and we all marvel at the skills our members possess. You won't 'teach' your craft that day, just share with us. Later you may get requests from individual members about your crafting interests.

March workshop: Kay Crane is planning a Quilted Name Badge half-day workshop for March. It will be following our regular meeting. We will begin signing up at the February meeting. The cost will be \$10 at sign-up. Bring a lunch.



April meeting/Workshop: Look forward to the exhilarating program to be presented in April by Nancy Lambert, one of our members. She will share her journey into Modern Quilting with us.

We will have her "One Block Inspired Modern Quilt" half-day Design Workshop following the regular meeting. Sign-ups will begin in February. Cost will be \$20 workshop fee + \$5 supply fee (Total \$25). Bring a lunch.

April workshop Wednesday April 2nd: Then Theresa Jackson will present Mary Kay Mouton's newest technique of "Flip and Quilt" in a full-day workshop the Wednesday after our April meeting. We will begin sign-ups at our February meeting. Cost will be \$30.

Remember that the fees collected for workshops this year are being donated by each presenter to the guild's operating funds. So please sign up for these workshops and help us to provide first class programs like these in the future.

We will have feedback forms for you to pick up when you sign in at the registration table.

Please fill these out so that we can rate your interest for future programs and activities.

Membership is up to 126! Please introduce yourself to a new face and get to know something about them. 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 oooh and ahhh over them. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Raffle Table - Sally McKinley and Wanda Hamrick

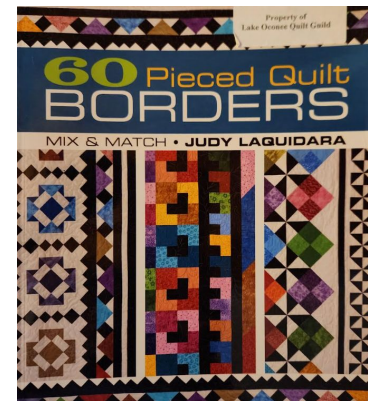
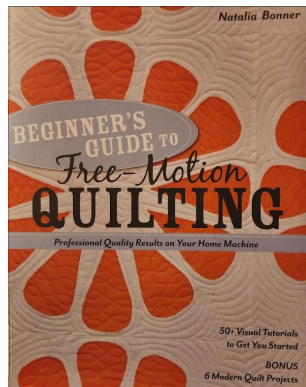
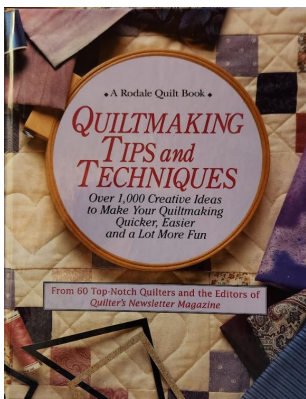


Our raffle table promises an exciting array of attractive prizes. There are always items that you just have to have!! We encourage you to participate and test your luck.

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



Stop by the library table & see some new books that members have generously donated to our library. Quiltmaking Tips & Techniques from Quilter's Newsletter Magazine editors has a lot of information on a myriad of subjects, including fabric. This book also has tips on quilt care that recommends laundering your quilt with a paste used for washing horses.... (and says she hasn't had fabric colors bleeding using this!!!) All books are due back at the February guild meeting.



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.



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

We are appreciative of the support you have given the fundraising efforts to benefit the Lake Oconee Quilt Guild. The Market Table has been a success! As we have been operating the Market Table we have been learning what produces an excellent result. We want to be certain that your items are used in the most effective and meaningful way. Another controlling factor is storage for all the donated items waiting to find a good home with a devoted quilter. Robin has graciously been storing things to date and we must respect her available space. To that end, I have some guidelines for your generous donations.

We take donated items once a quarter. (March 4, 2025 will be our last day for donations until September) Donate clean fabric no smaller than a fat quarter in size. It is not useful to have items not specific to quilting (yarn, paint, glues not used in quilting etc.). Your fellow quilters have not shown interest in these items. *Books and magazines*: These last months have taught us that the membership is not interested in printed materials. We have such a wonderful library and there is much information available online. Please donate them to your local library or other worthy cause.

Thank you to all who have taken a Notebook Cover kit to complete. There will be other projects as we work through the suggestions made by our membership. If you are suggesting a project, you must provide specific information about the fabrication and a sample of the item. If kits can be assembled to help facilitate the completion of the items then we will organize a team to take on that task. If you have an item you would like to complete for sale at the Dairy Festival in June they are welcome. We want to have a **MINIMUM OF 5** of any one item on display for sale. Items that do not sell will be returned to the creator. It is not that your efforts are unappreciated - it is that storage thing again! Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting!

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

Hope you are working on your blocks for the challenge. I can't wait to see what designs you all come up with. I have decided to give you a bonus block this month and next month! That way you will have all 12 blocks for the Block of The Month in the series. You can use them if you want to or not. When you present your challenge top in June there must be at least 9 blocks, but can have as many more as you would like! Have fun with this! Patterns will be in the members only section of newsletter under challenge. I will also have copies of patterns at the meeting.



Member Spotlight – MaryKay Moulon



I began quilting in the 1970's because I wanted something beautiful for my bed. Buying a quilt was pricey, but making one was not. That first quilt was a foundation-pieced Log Cabin, and my most recently pieced quilt was none other than a foundation-pieced Log Cabin. Am I stuck in a rut, or what?

I sew with a Bernina mostly from my huge stash of fabric (shared with my daughter). This lovely stash is 85% built from the world's cheapest source, garage sales. My favorite fabric is anything for free.

I have no UFO's because I'm not allowed to start a new project until the last one is done. That stringent rule makes my favorite part of a project sewing on the binding—last step, and I'm a free woman. My least favorite part of quilt making is doing the quilting. That step is totally bad for my health—gives me a pounding headache and makes me queasy. But I suffer through it because, after all, next comes the binding, and I smile all day.

LOQG Spring Retreat - Sally McKinley

We're pleased to announce that all available slots have been filled. However, we understand that many of you are interested in attending. Therefore, we have created a waiting list. Historically, 2-4 spots become available at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. Those on the waiting list will be contacted should a space opens up. In the past, those on the waiting list have been able to attend. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact me via email, text, or phone. #770-361-0449



Further details about the retreat, including the schedule and location, are available on the members-only section of our website under the "Events" tab. Printed copies of the information sheet will also be available at our next meeting. If you still have not reserved a room, please do so ASAP!!!! Group: LOQG. **March 11 - 14 2025**

QOV Bee - Hope your holidays and snow days were great. Now it's time to get back to making quilts for veterans! Our meetings are always the last Monday of the month from 10 -2. Our next meeting will be on January 27 and then February 24th. We have a lot of fun sewing and talking and laughing. Come Join us or just drop in to see what we are doing!

On Feb 24, we will be awarding Peggy Guderian and her husband, quilts of Valor at our bee meeting. Peggy is one of our new members this year. Please feel free to join us. We will have some refreshments. It would be so great to have a good turn out for this honor. Presentation at 10:30.



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

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.

Tips of the Trade

- To make threading monofilament thread easier, take a felt tip pen and color the end of the thread.
- A backing fabric with a defined print makes a great guide for an allover quilting design. Quilt from the back, following fabric pattern. Place the decorative thread you want to show on the quilt front in the bobbin.
- I use temporary spray adhesive for basting. I spray the wrong side of the quilt back. I then pin the back to my work wall. I open the batting and spread it on the sprayed back. Next, I spray the wrong side of the quilt top and smooth it on the batting. As a final step, I press both sides with a dry iron to literally "seal the deal."

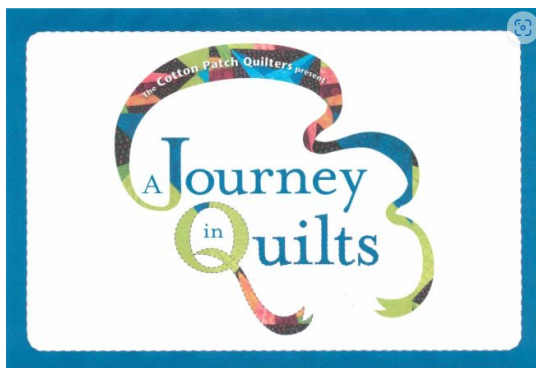
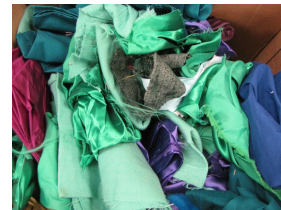
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HELP..... if you can please collect items needed to help others get through this winter season. Quilts, blankets, jackets, scarfs, hats, gloves, etc..

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

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.



Held at the Oconee County Civic Center, 2661 Hog Mountain Road

Watkinsville, GA 30677

ph: 706-769-3902

Hours of Operation

Friday, February 28 - 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, March 1st - 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, March 2nd - Noon to 4pm

Raffle Quilt

Entrance Fee (purchase at the door)

\$10

(Children under 12 are free)



The Dairy Festival will be June 7th.

March 21st to 23rd, 2025

Friday & Saturday 10 to 5, Sunday 12 to 5

The Well at Centerville

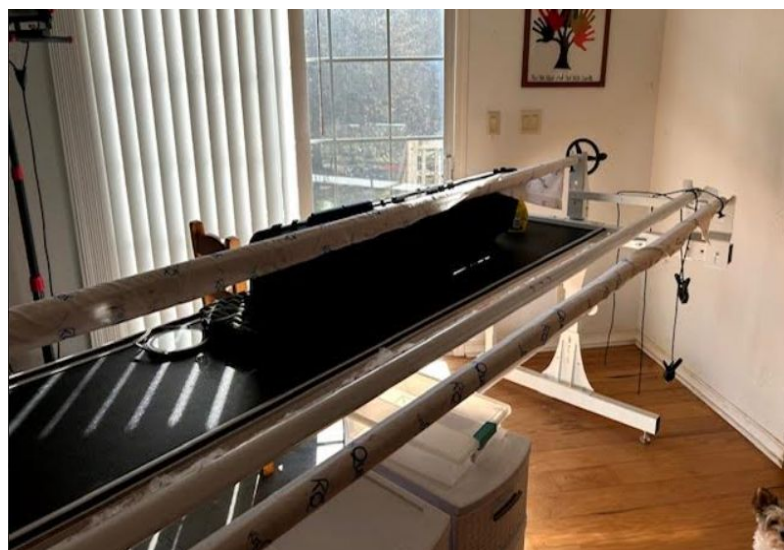
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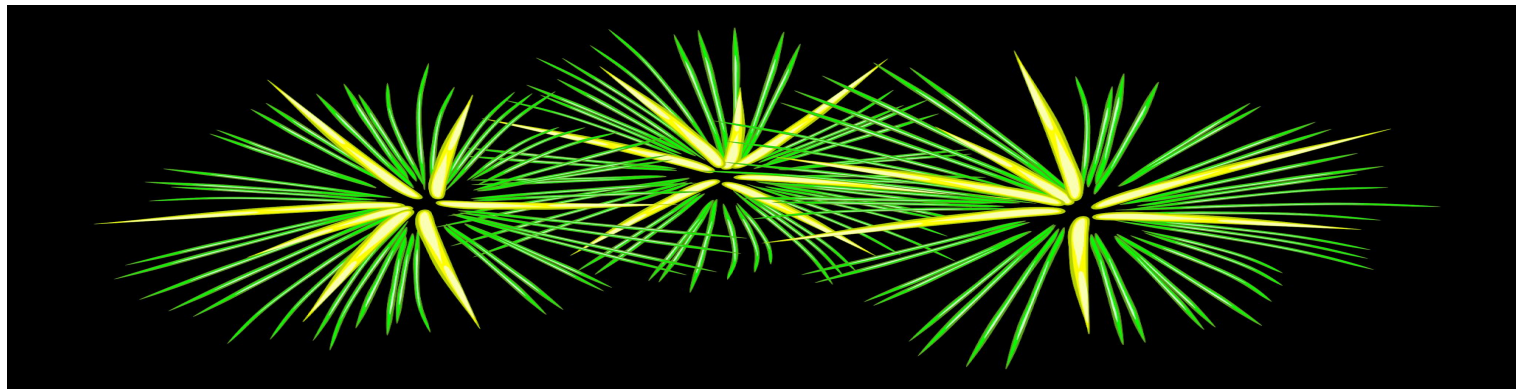
\$8 Entry - \$1 off entry with this postcard

FOR SALE:



An acquaintance of Lisa Albury's,.....Wanda Fowler bought this Long Arm new in 2021 for \$8,200 plus a 12 foot table. She did not use it a lot and has not used it at all this past year. She would like to get \$6,000 for it if possible. Please call with any questions or inquiries or BO. #770-314-3916

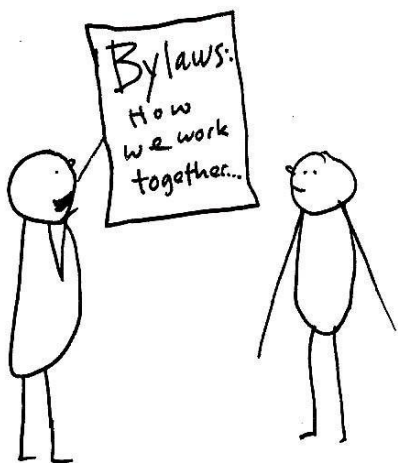




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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



IMPORTANT: Upcoming Bylaws discussion. Tiny conversation hearts.

- A motion was made for bylaw Article II to read Dues may be increased on approval of the Board.
- A motion was made for bylaw Article XI Standing Committees, Program Committee to read Prior to final negotiations and contract the Program Committee shall present to Board for discussion and vote, potential speakers/teachers whose total cost exceeds \$1000.00.

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Donate to Bread of Life

Our ministry relies on community contributions. Join the mission!
There are several ways to donate, and specific items we need most.

Monetary Contributions

Monetary contributions are tax deductible and can be sent to:

Bread of Life Food Pantry
1089 Lake Oconee Parkway
Eatonton, GA 31024

Pantry Items

In-kind donations are accepted during church office hours.

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Lake Oconee Lutheran Church
1089 Lake Oconee Parkway
Eatonton, GA 31024

Schedule a Drop-off

Call or email to schedule a donation drop-off outside office hours!

706.623.4701 or
pantry@goblif.com

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

16 oz Peanut Butter
Jelly
Ramen Noodles
Applesauce
Cereal
Oatmeal Packets
Spaghetti Noodles
Pasta
Egg Noodles
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables
Canned Meats
Taco Shells
Flour Tortillas

Puddings
6 oz Tomato Paste
Spaghetti Season Pack
Chili Season Packs
Taco Season Packs
Small Individual Snacks
Powdered Milk packets
Condiments
Seasonings
Cooking Oils
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Bar Soap
Laundry Detergent
Dishwashing Soap
Hand Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

Meeting



Red Dog Creative has set up a store for our members.
Click on link: - [Home | Lake Oconee Quilt Guild](#)
Order NOW...Shop closes January 31st



Frances Arnold

"Looking at the World Through Quilt Colored Glasses."

Mary Lou Weidman

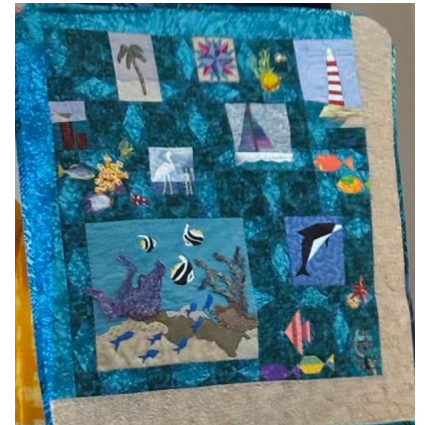
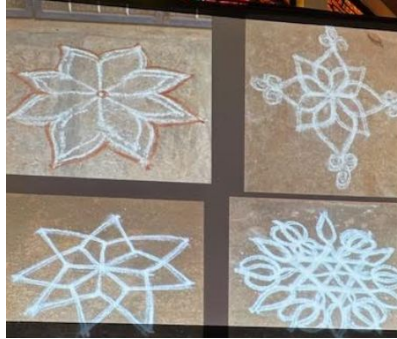
"Every event in life is a quilt waiting to happen."

Maybe it's
an inspiration
that only
YOU see.....

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Show & Tell



Workshop with Hattie Dunlap



Allied Arts Quilt LOQG Quilt Show

