

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



President's Message – Jeanne Sewell

Hello Fellow Quilters,

This year has flown by. It has been a great pleasure having so many great and talented quilt friends! You all have taught me so much! Thank you very much. As this quilt guild year winds down, I look forward to the next one.

So sorry that I missed the May meeting. I had a really bad cold and am still getting over it three weeks later. I heard that Sheila Shepherd, from thirty 4 stitches gave a very informative talk on the various kinds of batting. And Kudos to Susan for chairing the guild and board meetings that day.

It has been a busy year and fun year for all of us. Many thanks to all the officers and members who contributed making it successful. For our June meeting, we will wrap up the year with our end of the year member only luncheon celebration. And finally, you will get to see and vote on the Guild Hexie Challenge.

Have a wonderful summer. See you in September! Cookie Noel and Theresa Jackson have been hard at work planning programs for next year.

Happy Quilting!



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

Treasurer – Virginia Daley

Committee Chairs

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

Publicity – Kris Rulison

Website - Helene Perez

Retreat – Sally McKinley

Newsletter – Kris Rulison

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Incoming Slate of Guild Officers – 2023-2024

Officers:

President – Kris Rulison
Vice President – Johanna Adams
Secretary – Mary Gimbert
Treasurer – Suzy Kurelic



Standing Committee Chairs:

Programs – Cookie Noel & Theresa Jackson
Membership – Josie Elsberg & Kathy Henderson
Show & Tell – Mary Bustion & Geri Wires
Raffle Table – Sally McKinley & Kimberly Topper
Library – Pat Gray & Lisa Albury
Challenge – Wanda Hamrick
Social – Kathy Sands, Cate Pond & Kay Crane
Ways & Means –
Publicity – Hattie Dunlap
Task Forces:
Retreat – Sally McKinley

Special Committees

Nominating – Johanna Adams (as VP)
Website - Helene Perez
Bylaws – Johanna Adams (as VP)
Newsletter – Jan Anderson

Loose Ends for 2023 Guild Year

1. All current officers and chairs: please bring the LOQG purple officer notebook given to you at the beginning of your term with you to turn in at the June meeting.
2. There will be no library available at the June meeting.
3. There will not be a raffle table at the June meeting. Save your money for goodies in September!

Membership – Kathy Henderson and Josie Elsberg

Two new members joined us in May, bringing our total for the year to 92! Robin Cassidy has been quilting for 20 years and is an intermediate level quilter. She likes both traditional and modern quilts and her favorite fabrics are Batiks, floral and brights. Tina Saint has been quilting for a year. She likes traditional quilts and floral fabrics and is eager to learn more! Please welcome these two ladies to the guild! We've had an amazing year with active participation. Currently, we have 11 members with perfect attendance. Let's see if they can make it one more meeting! See you June 6th!

Guild Challenge – Shari Ball



The reveal time for your creative projects using a hexagon is here! At the June meeting, bring your completed Hexie project in a bag or pillowcase with your name on it. Items will be on display and we will have ballots to vote for your favorites. Winners will be selected for certain categories and there will be a quilters award for Best in Show! Hope you enjoyed this challenge!

Social - Kathy Sands



A big shout out to every quilter who has been kind enough to provide treats throughout the quilt year. I hope all the quilters will come to our "thank you" luncheon at our upcoming meeting in June.

Without all of you, we are not a quilt guild. But if you can't make it, please know you are appreciated and celebrated and we will see you again in September.

Member Spotlight – Kimberly Topper



I started sewing at the age of fourteen. My mother had to sew choral dresses, pep squad uniforms and drama club costumes and she hated every minute of it. So, never having sewn before, I told her I would sew costumes and choral dresses, all seventeen of them. I am one of seven kids and we participated in everything! I sewed most of my clothes and formals while my husband Mike served in the Army. I sewed my first quilt at the age of thirty. I made a blue and white quilt for my sister. I did everything wrong – I learned to tear the strips and cut the strips into the correct length. The log cabin quilt looked okay, but I was never told to sew a

one-fourth inch seam, so I just made sure it was sewn together. It looked like a 3-year-old made the quilt, but my sister loved it. I then started taking a formal quilt class and learned all the things I had done incorrectly and my next quilt looked much better. I kept quilting one quilt per year, but all were gifts, and I did not keep any. During this time I made over forty baby quilts and five signature wedding quilts. I would take sized pieces of white or cream fabric and get everyone to sign their names then add them into a quilt for the bride and groom. Mike retired from the Army and we moved to PA where there are quilt shops in most of the small towns. I was in heaven and started my “stash.” I would have 4-6 friends over and we would spend the day quilting. After a while we started sewing purses with covers and started selling them to our friends and at craft fairs. I longed to get back to quilting so I scheduled a day to quilt every week and got back into the habit of quilting and had five baby quilts completed before I needed them and a quilt with cats cross stitched in each center square for a veterinary raffle. I am pleased to report the queen size quilt raised \$31,000 dollars for our scholarship fund. When we moved to GA, my home state, I went to a “sign up to volunteer” meeting at our church and told the ladies looking for people to knit or crochet “I don’t do either of those, I quilt.” About four tables and five minutes passed before Kris, your incoming president, stopped me and told me about LOQG. I attended one meeting then Covid-19 hit. I could not wait until I could start meeting again! I have learned so much from all you ladies and have made wonderful friends along the way.

A Sneak Peak into the 2023-2-24 Programs – Cookie Noel and Theresa Jackson



First, a very big thanks and kudos to Cate Pond for all her work on our programs this past year. We had a wide variety of things to learn and a fun time as well.

Cookie and Theresa have been hard at work, planning for the next year. So far, they have scheduled Wini McQueen, a Macon based quilter, who tackles issues of race, class, society and women. Her works have been featured in many museum exhibitions.

Popular “repeat” teachers include Tammy Silvers who will teach Deb Tucker’s Studio 180 technique, Candace Hassan and Nancy Hutchison. Stay tuned and have a great summer!