



Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



Web Site

LOQG.org

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President's Message – Kris Rulison

Welcome, February! Brrr. These last few cold days remind me that we are in what we call “the dead” season at our house or as Simon and Garfunkel sang “the hazy shade of winter.” Christmas and the excitement of the holidays is behind us and the cold weather makes us want to hunker down. It's a great time to find a new project to work on or even, better, take one of our workshop classes to learn a new skill. Or how about joining a bee? The new QOV bee, held on the 4th Monday, would love to have you come.

Our January speaker, Candace Hassen, gave a spectacular trunk show. It always is fun to see the work of such talented quilters. Her workshop was enjoyed by all who took it. Tammy Silvers will be here for our February meeting and workshop. And to those who missed last year's collage class, I encourage all of you to sign up for Nancy Hutchison who will be teaching us Emily Taylor's collage method in March.

We have our annual retreat coming up in March as well for those who have registered. Plenty of time to prepare all your new projects, even UFO's for that! See you soon!

URGENT REQUEST: We have an urgent need for permanent volunteers for the following committees. There will be NO SHOW AND TELL or PROGRAMS if we do not get volunteers for these committees. Please contact me to volunteer: kjrulison@gmail.com

- Show and Tell – Assist with taking pictures and organizing Show and Tell each month. Training provided.**
- Programs – Two people to assist with the Program committee. Welcome guests, ensure meeting set up is done, help with program sign ups and ensure workshop clean up will be taken care of. Training provided.**

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY



February 6th - Tammy Silvers



At the February meeting, Tammy will be presenting us with a trunk show and teaching those who have signed up, her Fizz quilt. Plan on bringing your lunch.



March 4th and 5th - Nancy Hutchison

Nancy Hutchison will be again returning with another collage quilting class. This time she will teach Emily Taylor's method to make a collage quilt. **NOTE: Due to a church scheduling conflict, the workshop is first, on Monday, March 4th.** Nancy will do a trunk show during the regular meeting on the 5th.

Sign up and payment due at the meeting. The cost of the class is \$30 for members/\$50 non-members. Pattern and Steam a Seam Lite plus supplies are extra. You will have a choice between doing your choice of one of the Pop Art Pups (\$25) or one pot of the Chinoiserie Pots (\$15). You will be responsible for purchasing, downloading and printing the pattern of your choice from Emily's web site. (Each pattern includes all patterns within the set, you will choose one to do in the class.) In addition to the fabric and supplies listed on the supply list, you must purchase two yards of Steam a Seam Lite, so plan ahead. For a better look at the two choices, go to Emily's website: <https://collagequilter.com/>

There are a limited amount of the 2 yard sets of Steam a Seam that is needed for the class that will be for sale at the Program table for \$10.



April 2nd – The April guild meeting will be entirely done by guild members. At the morning lecture some members will present a light-hearted, make fun of yourself show and tell of the GOOD, BAD and UGLY quilts they have made with lessons learned. The afternoon workshop will consist of everything you ever wanted to know about binding: How to make a flange binding, how to make continuous bias binding tape, how to make double fold bias tape in various sizes and how to bind using a sewing machine. The fee is \$5. Sign up starts at the February meeting. Plan on bringing your lunch.



Membership - Kathy Henderson

Please welcome Jenny Rose and Mary Lee Sleeth to the guild! Jenny is an intermediate level quilter, and she has been doing traditional quilting for 8 years. She likes floral, bright and modern fabrics and prefers machine quilting. Mary Lee has been quilting for 40 years! She likes traditional patterns and machine quilting. Like many of us, her love for quilting was inspired by her grandmother.

Show & Tell - Geri Wires

Did you know that photos of our Show & Tell quilts are posted each month on the LOQG website? On the home page, just click on "Gallery" on the right.

I need someone to assist me with taking photos before each meeting. If you are available to help, please let me know.

Library– Pat Gray



We have a new book in our library..... Take Flight: Fun with Textile College by Emily Taylor. The March program by Nancy Hutchison will be about collages and the collage workshop will feature some other patterns by Emily Taylor.

Any books checked out from the library are due back at the February meeting.

Guild Challenge - Wanda Hamrick



2024 Challenge: It's all about Dots

Requirements: Minimum of 24 inches and maximum of 45 inches.

Must have the color yellow in your challenge piece somewhere.

Use the challenge to try a new technique, new pattern or use different colors than you normally use. Prizes will be given for the Most Creative and the Peoples Choice.

Fundraising – Robin Cassidy



Tickets for this year's raffle quilt are still available for pick up at the meeting.

Tickets will be \$1 for one or 6 for \$5. To date, we have sold \$1,945 worth of tickets, for a net of \$1,600. Good job, let's see how much more we can collect.

A new fundraising project will be discussed at the February meeting. Stay tuned.

Publicity – Hattie Dunlap

If anyone gets the Sparta or Morgan County newspaper please check the February calendar and see if the guild meeting is listed. Save me a copy if you see it.

Member Spotlight – Kay Crane



Born in south Louisiana, Kay is a true “Ragin Cajun.” In 1986, she and her husband, Jeffrey, relocated to Atlanta, Georgia for employment and cooler temperatures. Kay and Jeff (dec.) have three adult children, all married and living within close proximity to lake country. Kay’s working career began as an environmental scientist lasting 15 years, followed by 10 years of teaching in Rockdale County Public Schools. She has been a full-time resident of lake country since 2017, but had enjoyed part-time lake life since 1996.

Kay has always enjoyed sewing. She remembers completing her first crewel embroidery panel at age 18. Next came pre-printed cross-stitch, then antique sampler cross-stitch on linen, challenging herself to the tightest weave possible! In 1996, Kay completed a linen cutwork and needle weaving sampler. It was at this time her eyes began to strain and she switched to quilting. Kay has a love for scrap quilting and is a Bonnie Hunter fan. Because she loves to learn new quilting techniques she has participated in each of the “challenge quilts” over the past four years.

Kay has been a member of the LOQG for approximately four years, and is currently on the hospitality committee. Kay participates in the LOQG “Hands of Grace” charity quilting bee and also contributes quilts to Christ Our King and Savior Catholic Church prayer blanket ministry. Outside of the guild, Kay enjoys gardening, thrifting, genealogy and volunteering at St Vincent DePaul’s Martha’s Closet ministry in Sparta, GA. Kay is appreciative of the new friends she has made through the love of quilting.

Other News

LOQG Spring Retreat – Sally McKinley



Only about 7 weeks left before retreat! Hopefully, everyone has their room reservations. The retreat information should be an attachment with the Newsletter. I suggest you go ahead and make a copy, so you'll have it for reference as you pack. I would suggest that you bring extra projects because you will have lots of sewing time. Can't wait to see you at the retreat!



This coming Monday, January 29, come is the first meeting of the new Quilts of Valor Bee. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can bring your lunch or we can order out from Sweet Kneads. Patriotic fabric donations are most welcome. Mark your calendars for the 4th Monday of each month, except May.



Question: Do you have a long-arm or mid-arm and quilt for others? If you do, the guild would love to know who you are so we can add it to our newsletter to let others know.

Please let Mary Gimbert know who you are and the details (contact, cost, etc.) by sending her an email at secretary@loqq.com



Middle Georgia Shop Hop

Dates: February 8 - 10
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Birdhouse Quilts
103 Peach Wood Drive
Byron, GA 30018

Couture Sewing Center
627 South Houston Lake Rd, Ste 105
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Hometown Quilts
206 N Hwy 29
Hogansville, GA 30230

Magical Stitches
4126 Hartley Bridge Rd
Macon, GA 31216

Sunday Best Quiltworks
4517 Harris Rd
Ellerslie, GA 31807

Rules:

Each shop will have 2 blocks available for \$2 (\$1 per block) and additional packs of blocks will be \$5 each. Collect all 10 blocks and choose your favorite finishing kit from the 5 shop samples.

Passports:

At your first shop, you will receive a Passport. Have your Passport stamped at each shop you visit and turn it in at your last shop to be entered in the prize drawing.

Prizes:

Grand Prize - a \$50 Gift Card from each shop (\$250 value).
5 Bonus Prizes - a \$50 Gift Cards from 1 shop.

***** We have been given 6 Free Tickets and 3 are still available at the Guild Meeting**

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Gas South Convention Center
March 7, 8 & 9 Duluth, GA
Classes, shopping and quilts on display

<https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Atlanta-GA>



Heart of Georgia Quilt Show

April 5-6, 2023

The Methodist Children's Home
304 Pierce Avenue
Macon, GA

Contact: Helen Anderson
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Helen will be selling tickets for this raffle quilt at our February meeting.