

October 2023

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



Web Site

LOQG.org

Location

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

Meeting

1st Tuesday Sept-June
9:30 a.m. Social
10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

Officers 2023-2024

President – Kris Rulison

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Programs – Theresa Jackson &
Cookie Noel

Membership - Josie Elsberg &
Kathy Henderson

Show and Tell – Mary Bustion &
Geri Wires

Raffle Table – Sally McKinley &
Kimberly Topper

Library – Lisa Albury & Pat Gray

Challenge Quilt - Wanda
Hamrick **Social** – Kay Crane,

Cate Pond & Kathy Sands

Ways and Means – Robin

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Retreat – Sally McKinley

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President's Message – Kris Rulison

I would say we were off to a wonderful start, having Wini McQueen as our guest speaker in September. What a talented fiber artist and storyteller! Do visit her Canopy Project in the Macon Mall. It is free and open to the public on Saturdays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

For our October meeting, Sarah Campbell, owner of Sew Sew Studio in Bogart, will give an informative overview of her shop and what she can offer to us quilters. Bring your checkbooks as she will have a pop-up shop of selected items you probably can't live without. After lunch, she will teach the popular rope bowl class for those who have signed up.

The raffle quilt tickets will be ready for distribution to all members at the October meeting. The tickets are \$1 each and 6 for \$5. Please pick up and pay for the tickets and start enticing your friends and family to buy tickets. This is our only source of income this year and the income is needed since we did not have an auction last year. The proceeds from the raffle pay for the wonderful speakers and workshops we have for members.

November we will have our annual Quilts of Valor presentation. After the QOV are awarded, we will have our business meeting to discuss then vote on the updated bylaws. The proposed changes will be emailed to all of you prior to the meeting to give you time to review them.

Also in November, sign-ups will also start for our January lecture and workshop with Candace Hassan and our February lecture and workshop with Tammy Silvers. Payment is due at sign up time.

See you at the October Meeting!



Programs – Cookie Noel & Theresa Jackson

October - Sarah Campbell, owner of Sew Sew Studio in Bogart, Georgia will discuss all about her shop for the morning lecture and will have a pop up shop that can be accessed before, after or on break at the meeting. The workshop on rope Bowls will start at 1:00 p.m. for those who have signed up. It should be a fun day!

November – Our annual Quilts of Valor presentation will take place. This year, four veterans will be honored. At the Business meeting, we will discuss and vote on the recommended Bylaw changes. **Note date change to November 14th.**

December – Our annual member Christmas brunch

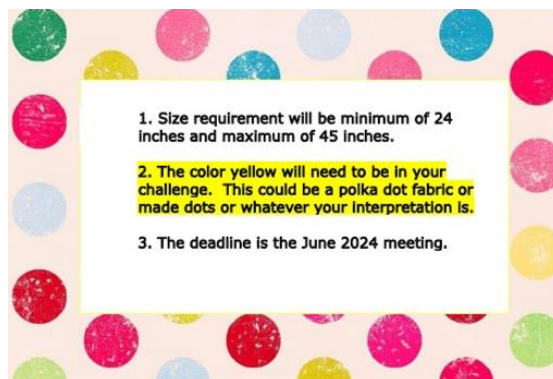
Future Programs to Plan For

- January 2nd - Candace Hassan Speaker - Workshop on A-Maze Zing Quilt. This quilt started out as a variation on a jelly roll race. It will give participants practice on measuring and attaching borders. You can use it to make a very contemporary quilt quickly, but also works well with traditional fabrics classic look. Sign up in November and December. Payment due at sign up time, \$55. <https://quiltdesignsbycandace.com/my-program-and-classes>
- February 6th - Tammy Silver Speaker – Workshop on Fizz. This is a Studio 180 class using the Deb Tucker Trimmer. Sign up in November and December. Payment due at sign up time, \$55.

Membership – Kathy Henderson & Josie Elsberg

Welcome back for a new and exciting guild year! Please welcome our new members to the guild: Barbara Putney, Cheryl Duvall, Nancy Stengl, Ann Ware, Janice Turner, Eleanor Stone, Donna Parkes, Shawna Patterson, Patt LaBarre, and Patricia Hurd. Simply amazing to have so many new faces! We're excited to have both new and experienced quilters join us! For those of you who haven't paid your dues, a grace period has been extended to October 3rd. Please remember to bring a check made out to LOQG on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you on October 3rd.

Guild Challenge – Wanda Hamrick



Library– Pat Gray, Lisa Albury

Get started early on making your Christmas quilts! When you check out a library book in October, you can keep it until the December meeting. The library will NOT be open in November due to the change of date to Nov 14th. If you want to suggest a book to add to our library, please let us know. If several members are interested in the book or topic, we will consider purchasing it. Stop by the library table to look at Better Homes & Gardens Quilt Lovers' Favorites. Each volume has several quilt projects and a section called Quilter's Schoolhouse with helpful tips & techniques. Please wait until a library committee member is at the library table to return or check put books. This helps us keep track of our books. The new library policy is on the web site.



Ways and Means – Robin Cassidy



Tickets for this year's raffle quilt be available for pick up at the October meeting. Tickets will be \$1 for one or 6 for \$5. Each member will be given a set to sell. We need everyone's participation, as this is our sole source of income so far this year to support our wonderful teachers and workshops.

Social– Kay Crane, Cate Pond & Kathy Sands

Hope everyone enjoyed the refreshments provided by our committee for the September meeting. Looking forward to our volunteer bakers bringing in some treats for our October meeting. Also reminding everyone that our December meeting is our holiday brunch. Our menu will include casseroles, quiches, baked goods, jams, jellies and spreads and fruit. There will be a signup sheet at the November meeting.



Show and Tell - Mary Bustion & Geri Wires



Show and Tell is our time to share our projects with our quilting friends.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to share. Whether you are a beginner or a professional, we can learn from and enjoy everyone's efforts. Happy quilting!

Publicity – Hattie Dunlap

All members please check your local newspapers or other media outlets for publication of LOQG activities. If you see any mention of our guild let me know the publication and bring a copy of the article or post to guild. If you do not see any information about our guild, please forward the name of your local paper, editor and any contact information you have (email, phone number). Since our membership extends to areas outside the lake country, I would like to get information about the guild to areas outside and around Putnam and Green Counties. There could be some quilters looking for us and interested in attending our meetings/workshops. Thanks, it takes a community to raise a Guild! HattieDunlap@gmail.com

Member Spotlight – Geri Wires



My sewing journey began when I was 15 at grandma's treadle sewing machine because I wanted one of those poodle skirts. Although I wanted to become a fashion designer, Dad said I needed a job to pay the bills, so I got a business degree (smart move)! After college I moved to California where I began a long career in marketing and met my husband. For every home we owned I made curtains, pillows, even a few upholstery pieces. When we bought a king-size bed I decided to make a hand-tied quilt because in those days you couldn't buy a bed-in-a-bag for \$29 made in China! And thus began my lifelong love of quilting.

When my kids went off to college I was living in Portland, OR and a neighbor invited me to join her group of quilters making charity quilts, and from them I learned all the skills to become a good quilter... applique, hand quilting, paper piecing, etc. I loved making quilts for those who needed to feel that someone cared. So in all the places I've lived (Florida, California, Oregon, back to Florida, and now in Georgia), making quilts for others gives my heart the greatest pleasure. I started Hands of Grace in 2016 when I first moved to this area. Since then we have made almost 400 quilts and have touched lives here locally, as well as quilts for hurricane and disaster victims, even internationally in 2021 when nine quilts went to Poland for Ukrainian refugees.

Today I spend my time at my Juki machine, or my long arm, almost every day. My two children, two grandchildren and recently my first great grandchild, are surrounded by my quilts and I often hear "oh no, not another one." Many of us quilters don't realize that what we do is leave a lasting legacy with every quilt we make. Long after I'm gone, I know my quilts will leave love and memories sewn into every quilt I've made.



It's not too late to sign up for the 2023 Fall Retreat

October 29 – November 2

Guy Harvey Resort, St. Augustine Beach
860 A1A Beach Blvd, St Augustine Beach, FL 32080

Toll Free : 855-509-9724

Group Name: Stitch2023 Room Rate: \$139 plus taxes

Contact **Karen Parsons** quiltgirl2288@gmail.com or 860 849-6013 for questions/concerns and to make the deposit.

Fairwinds Room (the “sewing” room) fee: **\$35 per quilter**. This fee is due at the October Guild meeting. Limit of 20 sewing participants.

Note: Sewing room is available only through 11:00 am on Thursday, Nov 2, however, the actual hotel room rate is good through Thursday eve for checkout on Friday. Yoga instructor optional if enough sign up.

LOQG Spring Retreat – The 2024 Guild Retreat will be held March 12-15th, again at Little Ocmulgee State Park.



Contact **Sally McKinley** to get on the waiting list. The retreat fee of \$25 is due no later than the December meeting. For those attending retreat, go ahead and make your reservation at Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge. Their number is 1-229-868-7882.



Raffle Table – Sally McKinley I want to apologize for not being there at the September meeting. Bill's dad passed away and we were in Alabama planning the funeral and I totally forgot. So, this month's there will be some extra items and 5 “choices” instead of 4. Bring your money and buy lots of tickets to increase your chances of winning. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting!

Thanks to everyone's contributions this summer, our Quilts of Valor inventory is in good shape. Please continue your efforts to keep up ahead of the requests. We've presented two to WWII veterans and one to a veteran in hospice. These come up frequently and need to be presented quickly.



Peaceful Hearts Quilt Guild Quilt Show

Riverview Park Activities Center 100 Riverview Park Dr, North Augusta, SC 29841

November 10th - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

November 11th - 9 am - 4 pm

Admission \$7.00

Bread of Life Food Pantry

The mission of Bread of Life is to help feed those who struggle with food insecurity in Greene and Putnam counties.

Non-perishable items needed:

Baby Food	Pasta Sauces
Peanut butter/Jelly	Canned Fish (Tuna and Salmon)
Ramen Noodles	Canned Fruit
Rice/Rice-A-Roni	Canned Meat (Chicken, Spam and Ham)
Shelf Stable and Powdered Milk	Canned Vegetables/Canned Beans
Soup, Stew, Chili	Cooking Oil (Olive/Canola)
Whole Grain Cereals	Crackers
Toilet Paper	Dried Herbs and Spices
Paper Towels	Granola Bars
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Pasta	

Please no frozen foods, no fresh produce
(Monetary donations checks payable to Bread of Life - LOLC)

Drop-off donations at
Lake Oconee Lutheran Church
1089 Lake Oconee Parkway
Eatonton, GA



FOR SALE:

Qnique 15R long arm with 5 ft. frame. Built-In-Stitch regulator.

Lots of accessories, including ruler plate, leader cloth, extra feet, etc. Great for small spaces. Bought 18 months ago, nearly new!

Call **Geri Wires 770-371-4022**