

October 2025

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



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Kathy Thompson

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 - Johanna Adams

The smell of pumpkin spice is in the air everywhere with candles, coffee, and potpourri. Thoughts are turning to the Holidays, quilt projects, *internet* and gifts. I am looking forward to the quilt show at Allied Arts in Milledgeville in November. Do you have your entry ready? Remember your \$25 entry fee and your quilt, clearly labeled and in a pillowcase. I will have entry forms if you don't have one. Carol McRae will be collecting entries for Cookie Noel to bring to Allied Arts. You may show your quilts at show and tell before you turn them in. Note: Quilts that have been shown at another show are ineligible.

The Row-by-row quilt class was such fun, and we had a great group. This is a great project and a row a month makes it so manageable. I hope you're planning to attend the October class. Remember to bring your lunch, fabrics and machine.

The holiday exchange will be back this year, by popular demand. It was requested that we do something to use all year, and that we have a show and tell time, so everyone can see all the projects. We will be exchanging dish drying mats this year. There will be samples at the meeting, and there are some examples online, like Pinterest, if you would like to start planning. If you make one, you will get to take one. It's a great way to use some of those smaller pieces of fabrics and you can be as creative as you want to be, and it does not have to be holiday related.

I hope to see lots of people at the meeting and it's always wonderful to see new faces too, so bring a friend. And don't forget your show and tell. Remember new to quilting or an expert, we love to see your work. I love to see everyone's progress as the years go by. You're all such an inspiration.

Note: The November and December meetings are a week later, due to elections and run- offs. So mark your calendars for November 11th and December 9th .

OUR NEXT MEETING - October 7th
Following Meeting: November 11th **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

October

Sew Sew Studio is presenting the October program. Sarah will share information on how to keep our machines out of the repair shop by using routine maintenance techniques at home. The program will also include information on new items in the studio and a pop up shop!



November

The November program will be a presentation of quilts to former servicemen and women. Be prepared to feel humbled by their service to our country. The Quilts of Valor group will conduct this program.

Workshop: *Quilting Row by Row: 27 Skill Building Techniques*

We will be teaching the Dresden and Pinwheels Rows at the next monthly meeting.

There are 30 members who are participating in the Row by Row quilt workshops. An email list has been created so that the participants can receive monthly information as needed. **It is not too late to join in!** Please call Kaye Hlavaty or Theresa Jackson if you are interested. This will be the last month to add in new participants.



We had four people join our guild last month. This year the dues are **\$30**. We have purchased a "Square" and set up an account so that Membership and any events we participate in may utilize it to make transactions easier. Paying with a credit card for will be **\$31** because of the fee they attach. Check or cash will be \$30.

Replacement badge = \$5, New magnet = \$3, and No Badge = \$1.

Show & Tell - Julie Bizzoso and Kelly Sandquist



Show and Tell is our time to share our projects with our quilting friends. Here are the guidelines:

1. When you arrive, please go to the front corner opposite the membership table, **have a picture taken of your project** and sign a list for sharing.
2. When it's Show and Tell time, get your item and line up by the wall next to the stage.
3. When it is your turn, committee members will hold up your project while you speak clearly into the microphone to tell your name and a brief story about your creation.

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!

Raffle Table - Sally McKinley and Wanda Hamrick

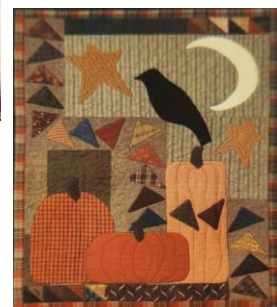


Lots of really cool stuff on the raffle table for October. Bring extra money for tickets !!

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



Stop by the library and check out these projects for the upcoming holidays. Motif by Jeri Kelly has 14 banners for holidays, seasons or even a birthday. God Bless the Garden has a several fall banners with pumpkins, crows, & fall leaves. Need a Christmas or Thanksgiving tablecloth or placemats? Quilts a la Carte has some cute ideas. Please remember to return library books at the October meeting. Or you can renew your book for another month if you like.



Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

Thank you members for providing snacks during our September meeting. The Hospitality team appreciates you!! We will begin a "Christmas" luncheon sign-up sheet at our October meeting. Think about a special dish you can provide. Also, consider donating a festive table decoration.

Please remember to place all trash in the trash cans. Look around your area to be sure it's left as clean or cleaner than it was when you arrived.



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Hello Ladies! We are off to a great start for fundraising. Please think about thinning your stash and donating to the Market Table. We have slim pickings left after last month. Nothing smaller than a fat quarter please!!!

Tickets for the raffle quilt are still available. The quilt is 68" X 68".

Tickets are \$10 each with a total of 188 tickets still available. Kathy Thompson sent an email after the last meeting that included a photo of the beautiful quilt so that you could show it around and sell, sell, sell.



We are participating with a booth at the Chili Cookoff in downtown Madison on Saturday, October 11. The festival is from 10 to 4. We will be selling tickets for the quilt raffle and sharing information about our Guild. I am very appreciative of the Guild Members that have volunteered to help man the booth: Robin Cassidy, Kathy Thompson, Laura Kleinschmidt, Donna Parks and Chandler Pike. You all rock!!!

I will have a sample of the shirt design for this year at the October meeting. The store will be open from October to November 17th. Orders placed by October 25 will be delivered at the November 11th meeting, Orders place after October 25 to November 17th will be delivered at the December meeting. The process of ordering online through Red Dog Creative will be the same. With Kathy Thompson's assistance an email will be sent to the membership with information regarding shirt colors, sizing and cost. We will have an online store set up with a link in the coming email. Red Dog Creative will share 20% of proceeds with the Guild as they did last year. Our income was \$350. Please buy a shirt!!!!

The Mistletoe Market is coming- Saturday, November 8th. We need items to sell. Holiday theme is good but other items are equally welcome! If you are making an item other than an ornament, please have a minimum of 5 of that item. We want the table to look plentiful and intentional.

Please let Karen Whitt know if you have questions.

FREE Table - Mary Kay Mouton

Yes you have heard right from the fundraising message. There will be a FREE table. Any items that can not be sold at the Fundraising table will be put out on the FREE table. We will not store and return the items from the FREE table. Mary Kay Mouton has agreed to take the items off and do something with them. We can not leave any items behind when the meeting is over that the church will have to deal with.

Spring Retreat - Sally McKinley

The retreat will be March 10-13 at Little Ocmulgee State Park. Don't forget your retreat fee is due by the December meeting. Make checks out for \$30 to the LOQG. If you still haven't signed up, you still can do so.



2025 – 2026 LOQG Quilt Challenge

National Holidays to Celebrate All Year Long

1. Pick a day that is not a State or Federal Holiday from provided list.
2. Initial the list for the Holiday you pick (Let's try not to choose same holiday).
3. Design a Quilt that you think best relates to the theme of that day.
4. Size requirement: **Perimeter between 68 inches to 88 inches**
5. **Embellishment** is a MUST !! Be Creative !!
6. Must be Quilted or Tied and have a binding (finished)

Would like to enter these Quilts into the Georgia National Fair for 2026

Susan Etherton will have THE LIST
for you to sign this month.



Zipper Day – April 24

Important information:

Karen Parsons will have the list up by the library table. You MUST sign your name NEXT TO the National Day that you are going to do for the challenge. You have to PICK a DAY that is not already spoken for.

To look at the National Days ahead of time ... because that might take some time.....YOU will find it on the Guild's Website at: LOQG.org.

If you are unable to sign-up in person then you may email Karen Parsons BUT give her several choices just in case your first choice is already spoken for. She will email you back which Challenge Day you ended up with.

ALLIED ARTS SHOW - Please bring your quilts (no more than 40" on any given side) to the October meeting. **Carol McRae** will collect them and bring them to Cookie. Please include the entry form and check for \$25.00 made out to Allied Arts. The show will open November 7 and run through the end of November. The theme is **Preseason**.

If you cannot bring it to the October meeting, call Cookie at: (478) 454-8258 to make other arrangements.



My dear sweet mother wanted her daughters to have a skill so they would not have to “depend on a man”. So, when I turned thirteen Momma enrolled me in a summer long sewing course at Singer Sewing Academy and my sister was enrolled in catering lessons. The sewing lessons served me well. I made all my clothes and my sister’s clothes throughout our high school years. College, work, and family put my sewing on the back burner for 40 years. When I retired 3 years ago, I dived headfirst back into sewing. Sewing and gardening are my comfort zones.

Fourteen years ago, I was working a significant amount of overtime. I earmarked the extra money to purchase a Brother Innovis Dream Maker Embroidery / Sewing machine. The old girl is still going strong. I recently purchased a used Babylock Tiara III long arm sit down machine. I am patiently waiting to receive it and start learning how to use it.

Three years ago, Prayers and Squares blessed my Momma with a quilt when she broke her hip. Soon after I was making quilts with that lovely group of ladies.

I prefer to say I have “TBA’s” (To Be Accomplished) and I have a multitude of those. I tend to finish my projects, but I am an addict when it comes to fabrics. If I like it, and the price is right, I buy it, without any idea of what I might use it for.

I love bright colored cottons with lots of motion and whimsical patterns. I am a sucker for gnomes, garden fairies and sunflowers.

OH YES, I HAVE A STASH! We are fortunate to have a basement and lots of storage space. My husband recently installed a 10’ long by 5’ high storage organizer comprised of 12” cubes for me to store my fabric in. I can see everything I have in a glance and don’t have to go digging through piles. Even if I never use all the fabric, I gain great pleasure in surveying the beauty and imagining the possibilities.

Applique scissors are so versatile! I use them to cut seams close, remove labels that scratch the back of my neck, and of course for trimming applique.

I wish I could spend more time sewing but between grandchildren, traveling, gardening, and church activities I only get about 10 hours a week with my projects.

My favorite part of quilting is selecting the fabrics and piecing them together. My least favorite part would be binding but I have become a fan of the self-binding technique for donation quilts.

FABRIC WORLD in Stone Mountain GA! It is the Big Lots of fabric! You never know what you might find. I feel like I am at a treasure hunt every time I shop there. The prices are ridiculously low. Designer quilt fabric is \$2.99 per yard. Curtain and upholstery fabric is only \$3.95 per yard. Granted the fabrics are discontinued designs but you can’t beat the price!

TIP: Sewing is more productive and cheaper than seeing a psychiatrist; therefore, sew to your heart’s content!

Other News

QOV Bee - We will meet at the Lutheran Church from 10 – 2 on October 27th . We will be presenting a quilt for Mark Davis, a veteran who lives in Del Web. Please feel free to join us to honor this great veteran. After presentation, we will continue to work on quilt blocks to make into tops. Bring your lunch.

Also, there is a group in Virginia who is coordinating the making of a quilt for our 250th birthday of our nation. They are asking for blocks from people all over our nation. I made a block to represent our quilt guild here at Lake Oconee. If anyone else would like to donate a block, I will include the link. The deadline to submit is Nov 30. The link is visitwilliamsburg.com.

Here is a picture of the block I am submitting.



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
- 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

- For an interesting decorative machine stitch effect, thread two different color threads through a single #80/12 or #90/14 topstitch needle. Thread the top of the machine as you would for a twin needle. Loosen the top tension so the bobbin thread is not pulled to the surface.
- A good exercise to practice free-motion quilting is to quilt your name over and over. Focus on the way you want your name to look and not on the mechanics of quilting.
- Stabilize silk and other light-weight fabrics that tend to fray by fusing lightweight tricot interfacing to the wrong side.



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. #516-457-8103 or kgs2149@aol.com

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Pieceful Hearts Quilters Guild

November 7 - 8, 2025
PHQG Quilt Show
Quilting on the River

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

- NACQJ judged quilt show
- Over 200 quilts on display
- Vendors
- Members' Table selling handmade quilted items
- Buy It Now Boutique
- Gift Baskets
- Quilt benefiting Camp Rainbow
- Previously Loved Publications Booth

Admission \$7



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Regina Carter's Legacy Raffle

All proceeds go to the purchase of an accessible vehicle for a family member with Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

We will select 5 winners, and they will receive 1 award winning quilt. More information on these amazing quilts can be found at reginacarterquilts.com.

Drawing will take place on November 30 at 2:00 PM on Facebook Live (Jamie Stewart Allen or Jessica Stewart Clark).

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.



Scan code Venmo me Show to...

Jamie Allen
@jamienae



Please include your phone number, email, and address on Venmo or Cashapp. All information will be kept private, and only used to contact you if you win!



67"x61"



80"x86"

65"x78"



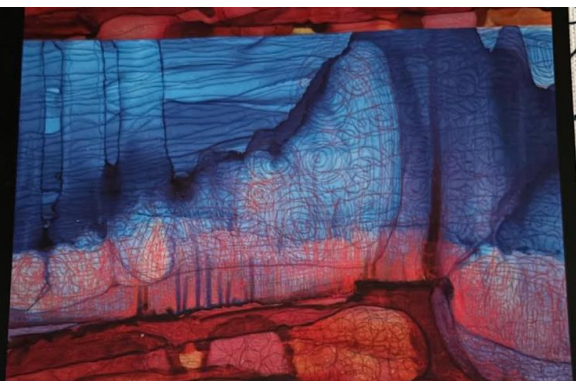
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CONTEMPORARY VOICES IN FIBER
SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 11
THE ART CENTER AT JOHNS CREEK

September Meeting



Laura Leiden



The September program by Laura Leiden was extremely well received. Our members were fascinated by the alcohol ink technique and the resulting quilts. Laura has graciously invited our members to visit her workshop. Look forward to more information on when and where!



Show & Tell



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Row By Row Workshop



Ooooo....I almost forgot!



Shhhhhh Be on the lookout for a secret word!

- The word is just a normal word.
- The word will be in a spot that will NOT make sense.
- DON'T tell your friends.....
 - Go to the sign-in table
 - Tell Jan the secret word
 - Write your name on the paper
 - Grab a butterscotch if you want one while you are there
 - WAIT until the meeting when they announce the secret word
 - 5 names will be drawn to WIN a FAT QUARTER!!!

