

April 2026

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



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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 2025-2026
President – Johanna Adams
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Show and Tell – Julie Bizzoso
Raffle Table – Sally McKinley
Library – Pat Gray
Challenge – Karen Parsons
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Retreat – Sally McKinley
Newsletter – Jan Anderson

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President's Message - Johanna Adams

Oh the joy of spring and yellow stuff all over everything. When we moved here from Chicago 22 years ago, and someone mentioned Georgia snow. I thought they were kidding. What Northerner could imagine seeing your footprints in yellow stuff piled up on the porch. The wind blows and you see it in the air, in big clouds. Wow. Is there a quilt there? Like our T-shirts with the dandelion seed turned into quilting tools, use your imagination, imagine a quilt with yellow turning to green, and then many colors. Achoo.

Many of you have come back from the retreat with projects done, I hope you bring them to share with the rest of us. I know you all had fun and I wish I could have been there, instead I spent days in the hospital. Thanks for the well wishes and prayers, they were appreciated. Everything seems to be fine and I spent a week in Florida with grandkids. I decided that I am glad I drive a car better than a scooter! Let's just say a Theme Park has a couple of scooters a little worse for wear. Glad to be home and back where I feel comfortable.

We have only a couple of months to go until June. How is your challenge quilt coming along? I hope you're all on the way to completion. We love the challenges and look forward to seeing everyone's quilts. This challenge was really fun and I think it encouraged stepping out of your comfort zone. Also, your row-by-row should be progressing. Remember there will be a show and tell in September of completed tops or quilts.

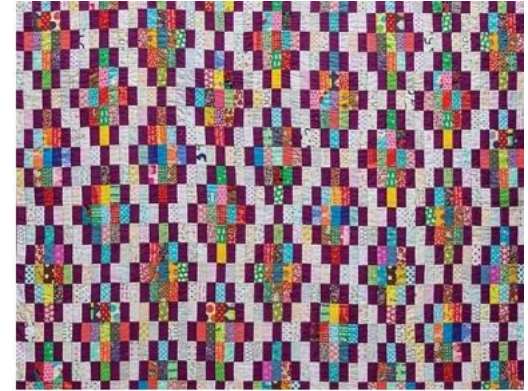
It's time to step up and put your name in a slot for officers and committees for next year. Please consider filling one of the empty slots, do it with a partner. It doesn't take a lot of time and is rewarding and a great way to get to know people.

OUR NEXT MEETING - April 7th
Following Meeting: May 5th

April program: Diane D. Knott will teach us specific strategies for making quilts you love from the fabric you already have! Diane will share the secrets and steps that she uses for making scrap quilts that really sparkle. We will learn how to avoid the “jumbled mess” look and create quilts that you will want to live with and love. Diane will also bring a pop up shop! [Butterfly Threads Quilting](#)



Enjoy Every Stitch! Diane



May: The Southeastern Quilt & Textile Museum will share their past, their present and their future. Located in Carrollton GA the museum was founded in 2013 and features three galleries, a classroom space with library, and a consignment-based gift shop.

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

This month there will be no more "formal" workshops. If you need copies of applique designs, directions, etc. please let **Theresa Jackson** know by **April 2nd**. She will make copies with your name on them; they will be available at the meeting on April 7.

We will be looking forward to our Show and Tell at the **September** meeting! Please try to bring in your completed quilt top or quilt. I know that the rest of the members will love seeing what everyone accomplished.

We had several people join our guild last month. This year the dues are **\$30**. 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



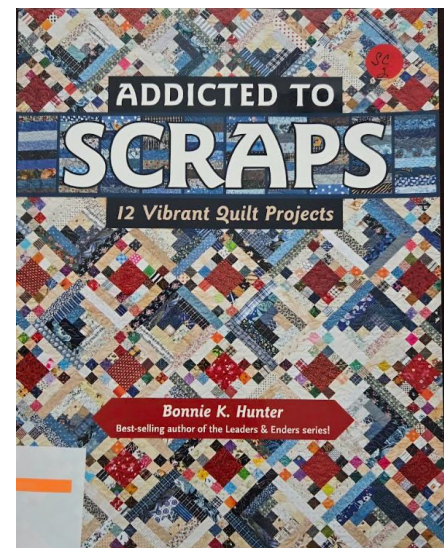
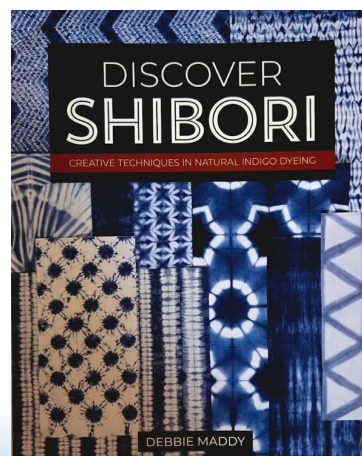
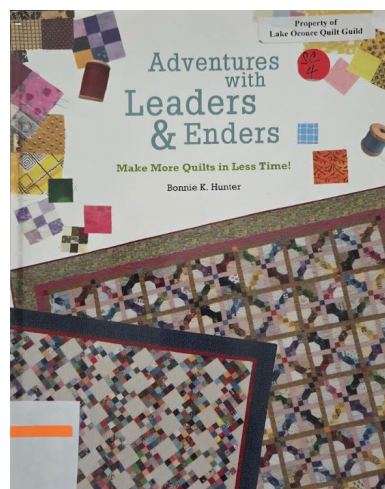
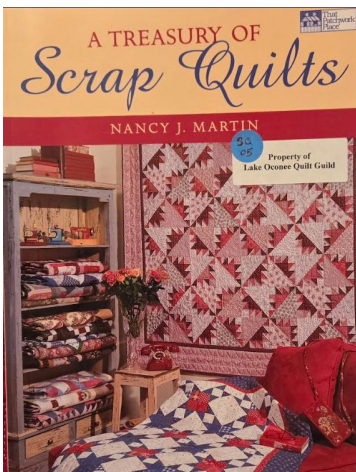
Lots of cool stuff on the table this month, so bring your extra dollars!!

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



Stop by the library table to see some of our scrap quilting books (two by Bonnie Hunter!). If you were inspired by the program in March on dyeing with indigo, we have now the book on Shibori written by Debbie Maddy and would love to see some of your creations!

Please bring books due back in April to the guild meeting.



Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

Be on the lookout for a signup sheet at the April meeting as we begin organizing our end of the year luncheon. We've had great response and support in the past. Let's keep it going!

Also, remember to let us know if any of our members need a note of encouragement, get well, or sympathy. Contact Kathy Sands if a need arises.



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Hello Quilters,

The Market Table continues to provide wonderful fabric for a steal. Please shop and please share the fabric you wish to rehome. Remember- nothing smaller than a fat quarter.

Great news! We have a limited number of name badge lanyards. They will be available at the next meeting for \$12 each.

See you in April.

FREE Table - Mary Kay Mouton

There will be a FREE table. We will not store and return the items from the FREE table.

Spring Retreat - Sally McKinley

Another successful retreat!!! A huge thanks to Donna Jacoby (my BQFF) who supplied many of the items in the goodie bags! Thanks also to everyone who attended. Y'all really are the ones who make our retreat fun!! So many beautiful quilts, so little time! Mark your calendars for our next retreat scheduled for **March 9-12**. Did anyone leave a heavy duty carrier? If so, come see me at the raffle table.



QOV Bee - We presented 2 quilts to veterans at our retreat. One was an employee of the resort and the other was a man directing a small group meeting in the small room next to us. It was the first time we presented a quilt via video. This veteran had just had back surgery and was directing the meeting via video conferencing.

We will be presenting a quilt at the American Legion meeting in Milledgeville at 6 pm on April 9, and 2 quilts at Del Web on April 20. I hope some of you will be able to join us for these presentations.

Remember, we meet on the last Monday of the month at the Lutheran Church from 10-2. Please join us.

2025 – 2026 LOQG Quilt Challenge



Zipper Day – April 24

National Holidays to Celebrate All Year Long

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

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

Member Spotlight – Maggie Hazzard



What started me as being a sewer? Although I have been sewing my whole life I only made clothes for me and my family. My husband favorite was a pair of Lilly Pulitzer golf slacks (really wild). Then Clare Kranzmann built next door. The rest is history.

I sew with a Bernina. I use my Singer for clothes. I have too many UFO's to even count! My favorite fabric to work with is Animals and Bugs. I love whimsical quilts.

I have a large stash, but it is getting smaller through donations to the Linus Project and others.

My favorite notion is Thread. There are so many kinds and colors!

How much time do I spend sewing? Not enough. Too busy with dog and Ron.

My most favorite part of quilting is Fabric Shopping!!! My least favorite part of quilting would be Finishing what I started.

I find the best deals on fabrics and notions at Clare's closet, HA HA. Don't pay much attention to price.

The best tip that I can share? Have Clare next door. lol.



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

- **Press, don't iron** – Lift and press your seams instead of sliding the iron. It keeps blocks from stretching and helps everything line up nicely.
- **Consistent seam allowance is everything** – That ¼-inch seam really matters. Even being slightly off can throw off your whole quilt by the end.
- **Chain piece to save time** – Sew multiple pieces one after another without cutting thread between them. It speeds things up and keeps your workflow smooth.



EXTRA Extra Hospitality with Kathy Sands.

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Quilts for Doggies and Kitties

Please make a small quilt for the Lake Oconee Humane Society. Bring them to the Guild meeting and turn them into Suzy at the Membership table.



40, Fun and Fabulous: A quilting Anniversary

Our Quilt Guild is 40 years old. Help us celebrate!
Heart of Georgia Quilt Guild Biennial Quilt Show



April 10th & 11th, 2026
10 am - 5 pm

The Methodist Home
304 Pierce Avenue,
Macon, GA
Admission \$10

Over 100 beautiful quilts - Multiple vendors - Demonstrations
Miniature Quilt Silent Auction - Quilted note cards for sale
AND.....A chance to WIN this beautiful quilt pictured ABOVE

Check us out at: heartofgeorgiaquiltguild.com

String  Story

Quilt with Confidence Workbook

This free, step-by-step workbook designed to help you move past fear, take action, and finish your first quilt on the sewing machine you already own.

You'll learn exactly what supplies you need, how to prepare your quilt, and how to practice without perfectionism — so you can stop overthinking and start quilting.



Save the Date!
**Georgia Celebrates Quilts®
Show & Marketplace**

June 4-6, 2026
Cobb County Civic Center Marietta, GA
More information at www.georgiacelebratesquilts.com

what are other
words for
pollen?

dust, pollinate, antigen,
dander, irritant, ragweed,
farina, dust mite,
foreign substance



thesaurus.plus

Pick a Secret Word from the pigeon answer!



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2026 Retreat Schedule

- February 6-8 Quilt Coat Class
- January 23-24 February 1 Sew Easy Retreat with Tami Jones **SOLD OUT**
- IN 4 HOURS!! March 15 Sew Easy Retreat with Tami Jones **SOLD OUT**
- March 19-22 "Guardian of Light" with JuliusHandmade
- April 29- May 2 Laurens Happy Quilters Private Retreat
- June 3-7 Sew Easy Retreat with Tami Jones **SOLD OUT**
- June 24-28 JuJuBees Accuquilt Class
- August 12-15 Open Sew Level I
- September 9-12 Open Sew Level II
- October 14-17 Sew Easy Retreats with Tami Jones **SOLD OUT**
- November 11-14 Open Sew Level II
- December 9-12 Open Sew Level I

New dates added regularly!!!

Level I Open Sew retreats, do not include full meals. A light brunch will be provided with coffee. The attendee will be responsible for their own meals.

Level II Open Sew retreats, include two meals daily. A full brunch will be provided as well as a full dinner, each prepared by our in house chefs. The attendees are welcome to bring additional snacks and beverages.

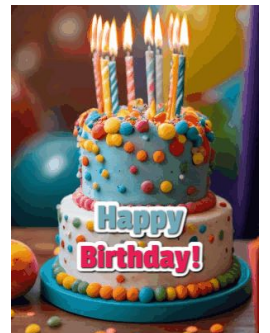
Additional dates available for private retreats and events upon request!

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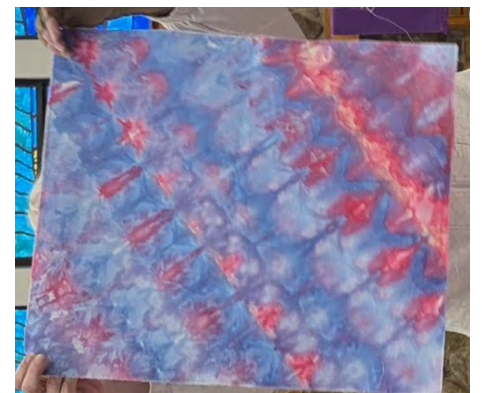
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**Program - Teresa Smith and Jody Watts
with a Trunk Show on Fabric Dying!!**



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Show & Tell



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Workshop after the meeting. Working on our Row by Row.



LOQG SPRING RETREAT



Project Walls all around the room!

Eating out with fellow quilters & friends



Sharing projects with each other.



Left
Right
Center

WINNERS
GET
ALL
THE
FAT
QUARTERS



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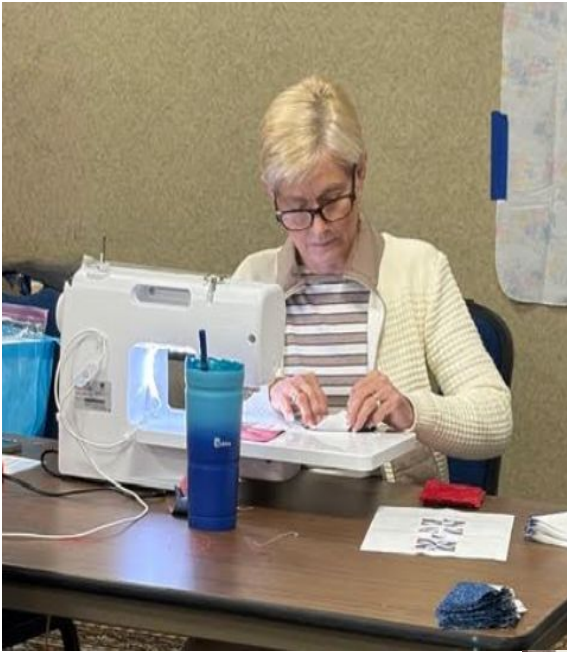
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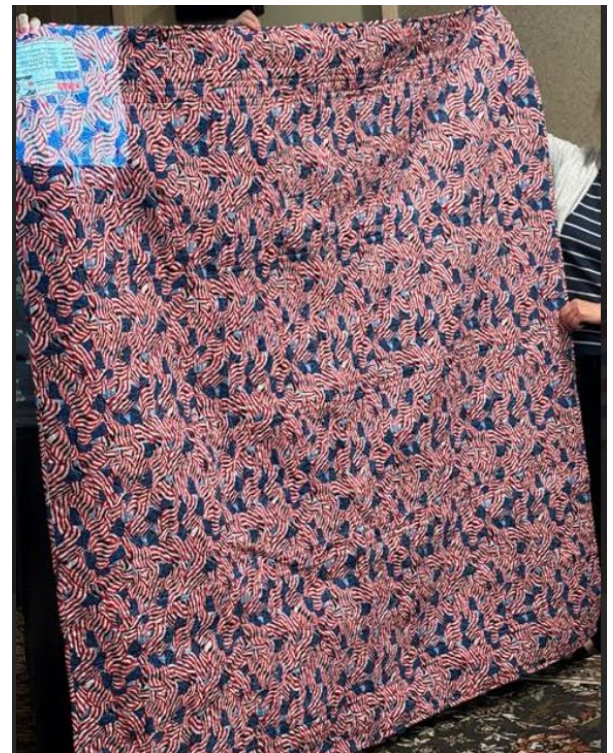
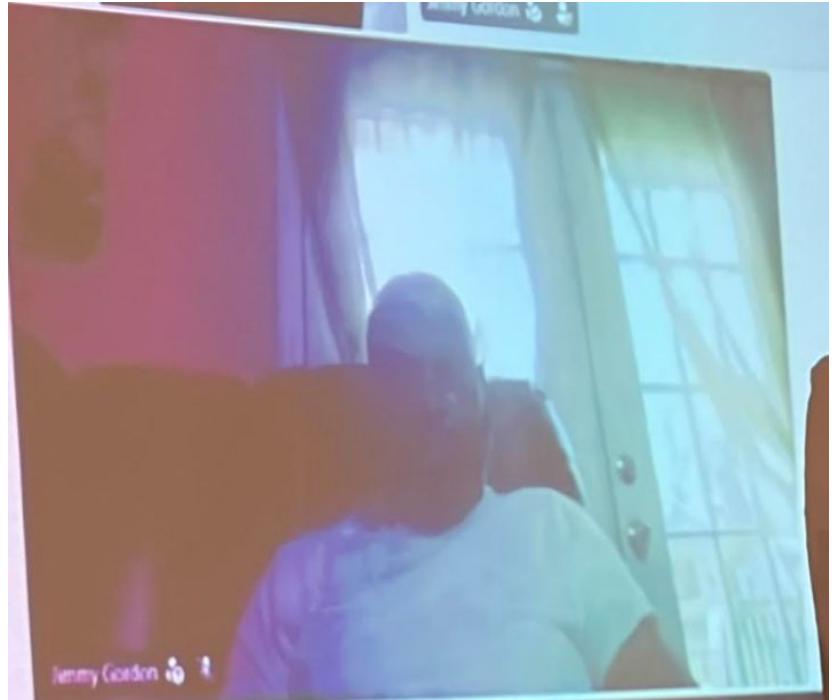
Joey Harris



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Jimmy Gordon



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Working til the very last hour!



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Please pick up your left items from Sally at the raffle table.

