

February 2026

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



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by
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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

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President – Johanna Adams
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Retreat – Sally McKinley
Newsletter – Jan Anderson

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President's Message - Johanna Adams

If you were planning a Valentine's quilt you may be running out of time, however, you can work on some heart-shaped coasters or mug rugs or how about a handmade valentine with quilting fabric?

If you're a typical quilter, you're always working ahead on projects for the next holiday, the next season or celebration, and some of them may end up in the UFO pile, and that's OK. There never seems to be enough time to keep up with our creative minds, so don't fret, just do what you can and enjoy what you do. Being worried isn't good for you and takes the fun out of projects.

We had a wonderful trunk show in January by Teresa Smith. She gave a wonderful presentation, and it was so interesting to hear the story of her quilting journey and be able to see her wonderful work up close. Thank you, Teresa for your inspiration, and thank you to Kaye and Theresa for bringing her to us. I can hardly wait to see what they have for us next.

It's not too early to consider being an officer or committee chair next year. Virginia Daley will be putting up the poster soon, so please consider putting your name in a slot, you may share the position with a friend. The Library spot will be open, Pat and Lisa are moving to another position, that's a good one to consider, and they've already done all the work, and have certainly put in their time.



OUR NEXT MEETING - February 3rd
Following Meeting: March 3rd

Have you ever had a quilt sandwich ready to go and felt unsure about what design you should use to quilt it?

Our program for February will feature HollyAnne Knight from String & Story Quilt shop in Duluth.

She will be sharing her “Quilt as Desired” lecture introducing quilting plans-what they are, why they matter and how to make one.

You can read all about HollyAnne at stringandstory.com



Workshop: Quilting Row by Row: 27 Skill Building Techniques

Many thanks to the dedicated members of this group who stayed for the January workshop. In participating you will not only end up with a beautiful quilt but will also strengthen beautiful friendships! I hope that all of you will stay for the February workshop!

The block for February is a traditionally pieced block but, due to a lot of little pieces, may be seen as more challenging. The piecing directions will be provided at the workshop.



For those of you who like to have a different block, still beautiful but perhaps less challenging, Sonya Winterrowd located one on Pinterest that is the correct size for this row. It is designed by Lori Holt so you can be sure that it will be a joy to sew. Here is the link to that block [Vintage Block Along - Winter Flower Block Tutorial!!](#)

Whichever block you choose, come to the February workshop with your pieces cut out and ready to go. Also if you have ideas for how you plan to complete the final row (April) it would be wonderful to share these at the February workshop. I have already heard some great variations!

Lastly, with Theresa's husband's medical condition she is unable to open up her retreat center for extra sewing time. I know that you understand and will keep Theresa and Danny in your thoughts.



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

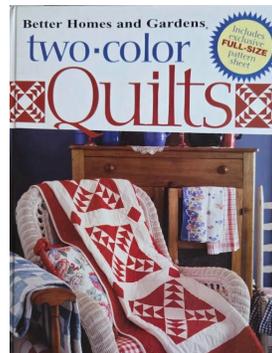
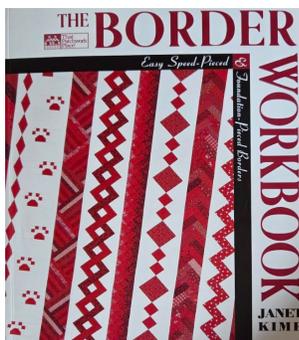
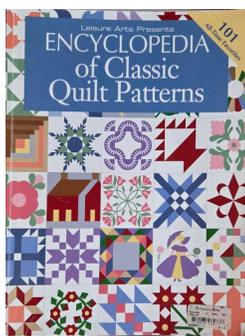


There are lots of new items on raffle table that Are must haves!! Bring extra money *Cinnamon Heart!*

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



In February I always think about Valentines, which are traditionally red. So this month the library is featuring some books with red & white quilts. Red and white was a favorite color combination used during the mid -1800s and it's a winning combination that never goes out of style. Come by the library table to check out these books. And we're having a special... check out a book this month & enjoy it for 2 months. No books are due back this month.



Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

Hospitality committee continues to appreciate snacks provided during the guild meetings.

Remember to bring can goods and non perishable foods for the church's food bank.



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Hello Quilters!

Don't forget the store is open for this year's shirts. Remember this is a fundraiser for the guild. Red Dog Creations gives the guild 20% of sales. Use this link to make a purchase.

https://stores.inksoft.com/lake_oconee_quilt_guild/shop/home

The Market Table is in need of inventory.

Bring the fabric you would like to re- home.

Minimum size of a fat quarter please.

See you in February!



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

We have 3 openings for retreat. If you would like to attend but didn't sign up, bring \$30. Dates for retreat are Mar 10-13. Only about a month until 4 days of FUN and sewing!!!! I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone at retreat!



QOV Bee - We are doing well and busy making quilt tops for our veterans. We have a backlog of tops that need to be quilted, so if any of you can do this, it would be greatly appreciated. We are going to Macon quilt guild on February 19 to present a program on our qov organization. We will show 10 – 15 of the quilts we have made to the group. We also will present a qov to a veteran. If any of you would like to attend, you are welcome to come.

I have also have learned that Edyta Sitar of laundry basket quilts has a mystery quilt that started in January which is making a red , white and blue quilt in commemoration of our country's 250th birthday. It is free, so if any of you are interested in doing this, check it out. Go to Laundry Basket Mystery 2026.

As always, we meet the last Monday of the month at the Lutheran Church from 10 -2. Come 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 – Dodie Proctor



I got my start with quilting when I made a nine block at twelve years old. My grandmother quilted it. I didn't quilt much after that. I came back to quilting when I got my first grandson and quilted him "Bug Bottles."

I love sewing with my Featherweight. I have never met a fabric that I haven't liked. I have a HUGE stash. I can not stand to throw away anything. No matter how small it is.

I spend about twelve hours sewing in a week. UFO's? I have too many UFO's to count! I would have to say my favorite tool would be my seam ripper. Everyone should have one of those handy.

My most favorite part of quilt making is finishing up the quilt. My least favorite part of quilt making is trying to decide what to do next!

When looking for sewing deals I try to look everywhere I go. There are no BEST deals. If I like it then I buy it.

TIP: Everyone needs a design wall.



Still collecting crate mats for cats & dogs.



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

- To wrap a large quilt or smaller quilt and matching pillow, place them in a laundry basket. Wrap the basket with an inexpensive disposable plastic tablecloth.
- Pre-shrink rickrack by wetting and laying flat to dry.
- Straight stitch down the center of narrow rickrack. Free-motion stitch along both edges of jumbo rickrack.



EXTRA Extra Hospitality with Kathy Sands.

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Palmetto Quilt Guild,
Hilton Head Island, SC

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Georgia Celebrates Quilts®
Show & Marketplace

June 4-6, 2026
Cobb County Civic Center Marietta, GA

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2026 Quilt
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Festival Features:

a Judged Exhibition, more than 150 Quilts
Exhibited, Quilt Appraiser, Handmade Boutique
items, Vintage Market, Silent Auction, Vendors
includes a Scissor Sharpener & more

You can enter to win our Welcome to Paradise Raffle
Quilt

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March 20 -22, 2026

Fri & Sat 10a - 5p; Sun 10a -2p
Admission \$15 multi day;
under 18 free

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Resort
40 Folly Field Road
Hilton Head Island, SC



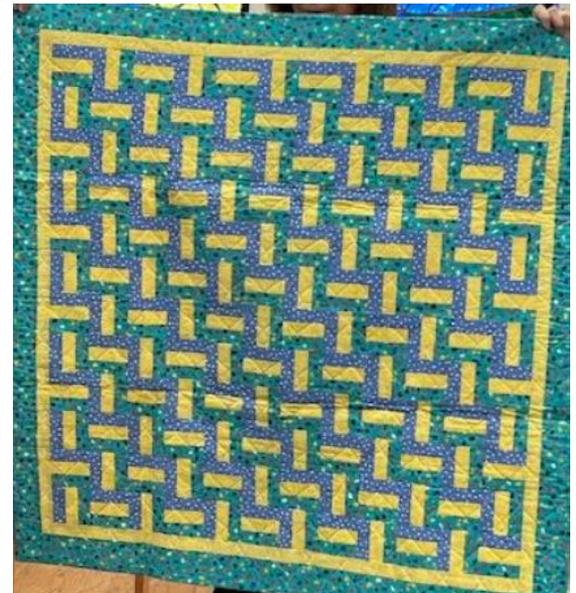
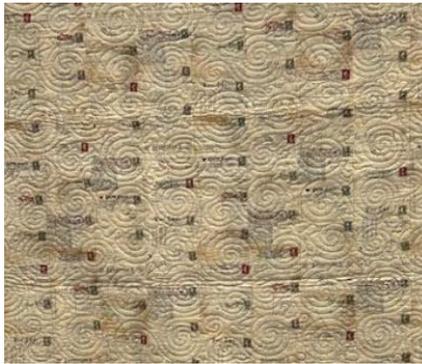
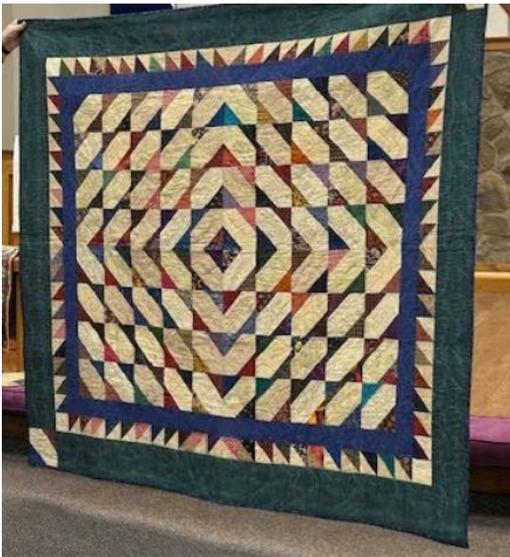
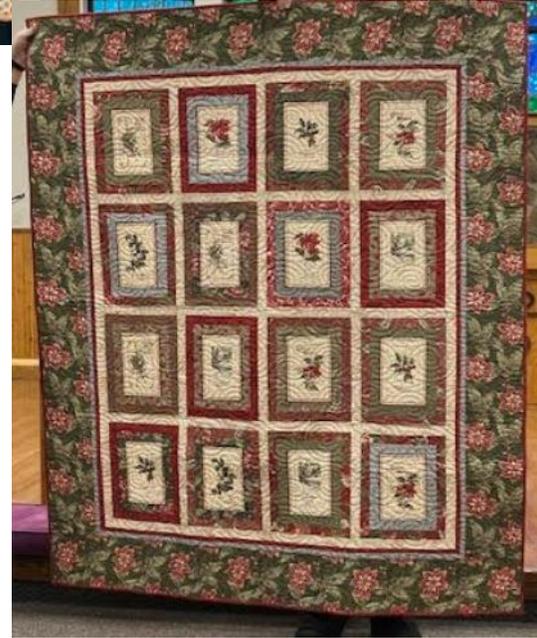
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of Quilting in the Lowcountry since
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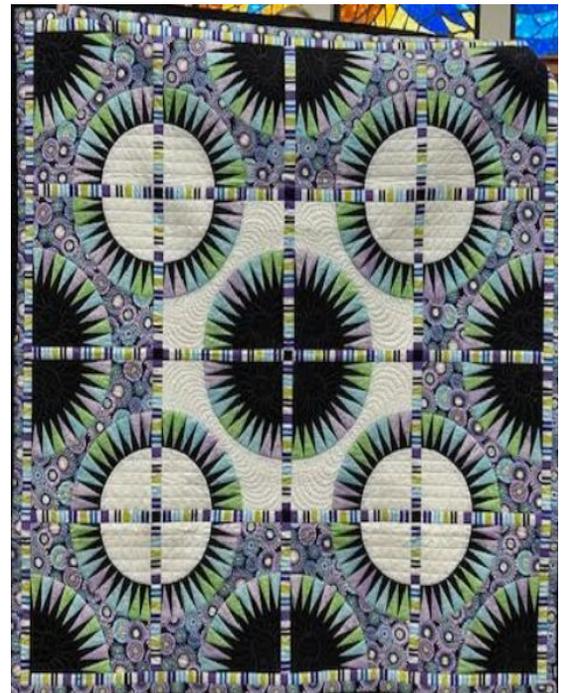
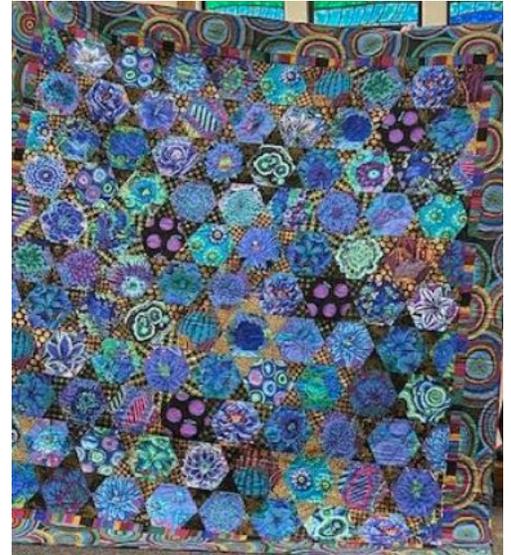
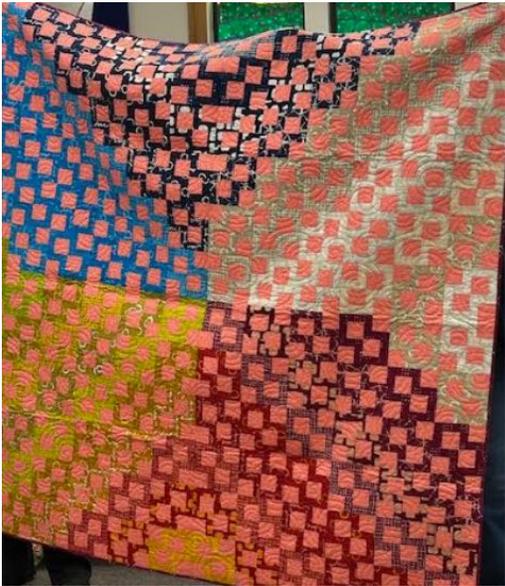
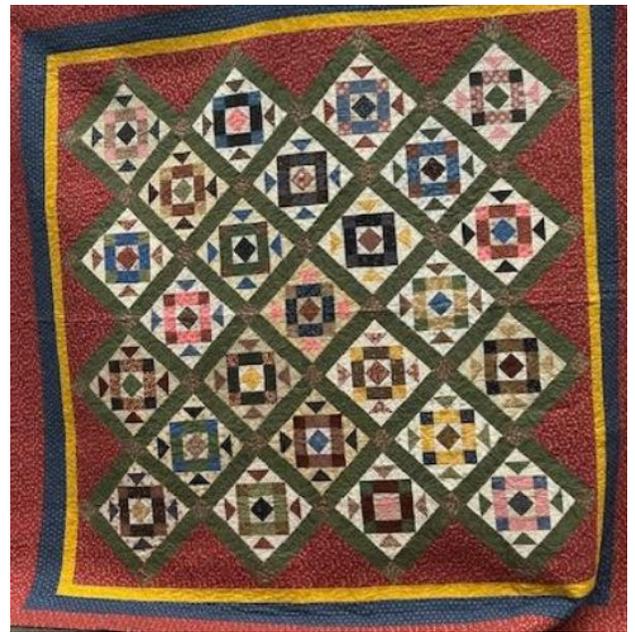
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