

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



Information

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 2022-2023

President – Jeanne Sewell

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Secretary – Mary Gimbert

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Programs – Cate Pond

Membership - Kathy Henderson

& Josie Elsberg

Show and Tell – Libba Holmes,

Julie Elder & Kathryn Roper

Raffle Table – Sally McKinley &

Kimberly Topper

Library – Pat Gray, Lisa Albury &

Theresa Jackson

Challenge Quilt - Shari Ball

Social – Kathy Sands

Ways and Means – Suzy Kurelic

Publicity – Kris Rulison

Website - Helene Perez

Retreat – Sally McKinley

Newsletter – Kris Rulison

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President's Message – Jeanne Sewell

Hello Fellow Quilters!

Wow! The January meeting was fantastic. Lynn Rinehart from Cotton Art Studio provided us with a fantastic presentation on “Color Confidence.” She shared a trunk show of examples of her work. We were all so amazed at her talent that we invited her to come back and do another presentation next year. The afternoon workshop was spent making the June Tailor project bags. Everyone had varied beautiful fabrics and they should be sure to bring the completed bag(s) for Show and Tell. We have several exciting workshops coming up in the next few months, so if you haven't signed up yet, please do so we can get a head count and order kits where necessary.

Thanks to everyone who participate in the Think, Pair, Share activity where you provided us with ideas for presentations and workshops for next year. Your contributions will allow the Program chair ideas for next year.

Also, thanks to Kay Dejno for coordinating the Quilts of Valor sewing days on January 11 & 12 and to those of you who participated. And thanks to Kathy Sands for hosting the social once again and for the members who brought contributions.

If you are an officer or committee chair, remember that we will have a brief Board meeting after the February meeting.

Our quilt guild membership allows you password protected access to the “members only” section of the guild website at <https://www.loqg.org>. The password is on the back side of your newest membership card. If you have not already done so, please bookmark the website and check it regularly.

Happy quilting!



February Meeting and Program – Kay Hlavaty



Our own member, Kaye Hlavaty, will present a program “Bonnieac” during our February meeting. It will be based on the works of prolific quilter, Bonnie Hunter. Kaye actually joined LOQG because she wanted the opportunity to meet Bonnie when she was our presenter in 2017. Since then, Kaye has enjoyed participating in Bonnie’s yearly mystery quilt along, piecing other patterns of Bonnie’s and attending two retreats at Bonnie’s Quiltville Inn.

Any LOQG member who has made a Bonnie Hunter quilt is encouraged to bring the quilt for the meeting for a Bonnie Show and Tell.

Bonnie Hunter employs the use of strings into many of her quilt designs and has published several books with patterns that utilize string piecing. Using string piecing in quilts adds a lot of interest to what might be a boring and/or repetitious quilt. String piecing can be incorporated into blocks as well as into borders. Participants in the afternoon workshop will learn how to string piece and then use their blocks to create the quilt “Stringing Stars” by Lacey Colbert.



Supplies needed: (feel free to share supplies with a friend): Please check LOQG Facebook page for any updates.

Sewing machine with thread and bobbins

Extension cord and power strip

Regular presser foot and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch foot

Basic sewing supplies (scissors, rotary cutter, cutting mat, iron, quilting ruler at least 12” long)

Glue stick

Assorted light fabric strips cut in a variety of widths from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ” to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ”; neutrals can range from tans to white*

Assorted colored fabric strips cut in a variety of widths from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ” to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ”; this color(s) will determine the color of your star*

Iron

*come to the workshop with a minimum of 12 light AND 12 colored fabrics cut into strips and ready to work with; bring uncut fabric to use as needed. The more variety that you bring, the more interesting your block will be!

March Meeting and Program – Karen Montgomery

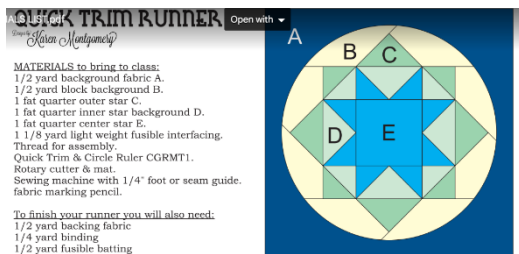


Karen Montgomery, Creative Grids ruler designer, will be joining us at our March meeting. Her morning lecture will feature the Scrap Crazy 6” and Crazier Eights templates and companion books. The afternoon workshop will feature a table runner that features the Quick Trim and Circle Ruler she has designed. Would you like to turn your fabric scraps into beautiful quilts? The magic that is built into the templates allows you to create unique patterns with simple straight line sewing. Her presentation at our guild meeting will include a trunk show of quilts to inspire you and you will have the opportunity to purchase

any of the three template sets as well as the corresponding pattern booklets. Class fee TBD. You will need to bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies, fabric amounts and foot listed and a power strip and extension cords.

March Meeting and Program – Karen Montgomery

Perfection is all in having the right tools. Website: www.creativegridsusa.com/designers/1419



What makes a specialty ruler "special"? Attend the Quick Trim & Circle Ruler Table Runner class with Karen Montgomery and learn to make flying geese without drawing a line. She will show you a simple method to insert a geese between rectangles without a center seam and cut half square triangles with no waste. To top it off, you will turn quilt blocks into circles all using the same ruler!

April Meeting and Program – Nancy Hutchison

Laura Heine is an award-winning, nationally known fiber artist known for her collages. Nancy Hutchison, a Laura Heine certified instructor for Laura's **amazing** collages will be coming to our April meeting. Nancy will talk about collage quilts and the workshop will feature creating our own clever collage. Website: <https://www.fiberworks-heine.com/>



The workshop is the day after the meeting on April 5th. There will be a \$25 kit fee and an additional instructor fee. Sign up must take place before the end of February so that kits can be ordered by the instructor.

Membership – Kathy Henderson and Josie Elsberg

We have 86 active members in the guild. Pam Gooch joined us in January. She has been quilting for 4 years and still considers herself to be a beginner. She loves all types of fabric and prefers machine quilting. Her inspiration for beginning her quilting journey comes from her mother and niece. Please welcome Pam to the guild!

Ways and Means– Raffle Quilt – Suzy Kurelic



Progress is being made on the raffle quilt. There are still several blocks that still need to be turned in. They are Sally McKinley (2), Nancy Stafford, Barbara Callahan and and Gloria Koch, all one. Please bring to the February meeting and give to Clare Kranzmann. If you do not have time to finish them, turn in what you have and Suzy and Kay Dejno will finish them.

We want to put the quilt together at March retreat. Thank you so much to all of you for your help on this project.

Guild Challenge– Shari Ball



Don't forget this year's guild challenge. Hexies is the word! We are hoping for 100% participation, something simple and easy is perfect.

Quilts of Valor



A Quilt of Valor was presented to Dick O'Toole on January 11th.

Member Spotlight – Virginia Daley



I started sewing at the age of 10 by being a member of a 4-H club. I made lots of clothes and entered some in the fair. Later in life I made many clothes for both myself and my husband. You know matching shirts, pajamas, etc. Quilting started in 2004 when I assisted at my granddaughters fifth grade class. Their project was to make handprints on a 10" white square of fabric that resembled a fish. I was asked to make a quilt from those squares for the spring fundraiser that Gatewood School would be holding. Knowing nothing about quilting I purchased the book Quilting 101. The quilt sold at the auction for \$2,900. Wow!

After reading an article on t-shirt quilts, I decided to start with some of mine and other family members. It was quite the learning curve. I joined the Quilt Guild shortly thereafter. When the first Quilt Fest was held by the guild, I entered three quilts. That led to making memory quilts and quilt repair. You know, you don't want to throw anything away. One was a t-shirt quilt, one a scenic entitled "Interior Alaska" and the last, a necktie one using the Dresden Plate design. The only other show I've entered was in Madison, Wisconsin. No ribbons anywhere, but I enjoyed the experience. At the Wisconsin show I've been a docent in the quilt section, worked with many of the presenters and taken classes. I learned the most when I worked with an appraiser and saw what she looked for in making the appraisal.

Here in our Guild, I've worked in the library and now serve as Treasurer. Oh yes, I almost forgot. I've cried our May auction a few times. Our Guild has a lot to offer and I'm attempting to take more classes and learn new things.

Other News



Be sure to bring scrap fabric and batting 9"x 9" inch or larger. The fabric will be used to make potholders to raise funds for the Circle Ranch Children's Home in Greensboro. Drop off at the Library table for Pat Gray.



The Cotton Patch Quilters (Athens) presents "2023 A Journey in Quilts" March 3-5 at the Oconee Civic Center, 2661 Hog Mountain Rd, Watkinsville. For further information, <http://show.cpquilters.org/>



The Original Sewing & Quilt Expo will be held in Atlanta March 9-11 at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. For more information, <https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Atlanta-GA>

Gently Used Quilting Items For Sale

Babylock Jazz Sewing Machine for sale for \$500. <https://babylock.com/machines/sewing/jazz> Contact Debbie Houston (478) 454-7313