

September 2025

Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



Quilt
Picture
by
Kaye
Hlavaty

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

Welcome to another year of Lake Oconee Quilt Guild. I really look forward to another year of learning and fellowship. I hope you're all as excited as your Board is for upcoming events and workshops. The Row-by-row quilt sounds like such fun, I hope you were able to sign up because I know there's a waiting list. Contact Kay Hlavaty or Therasa Jackson with questions.

Remember to check your information at the sign-in table when you check in and add cell phone numbers, if you haven't already, Suzy Kurelic and Jan Anderson will be checking you in this year and Jan will be taking pictures of new people and those not already pictured in our directory. So smile. Also, look for the secret word somewhere in this newsletter, Jan will be asking that also.

The Quilt Show is November 5-21, at Allied Arts in Milledgeville. The theme is Pre-season, whatever that may mean to you. No larger than 40" wide to accommodate the hanging system at Allied Arts. There is a \$25 non-refundable entry fee, quilts will be judged and prizes awarded 1st \$250, 2nd \$175 and 3rd \$100. I have some forms available, with rules, deadlines and information. They will be available at the meeting if you know you'll be entering a quilt. Contact Cookie Noel with questions.

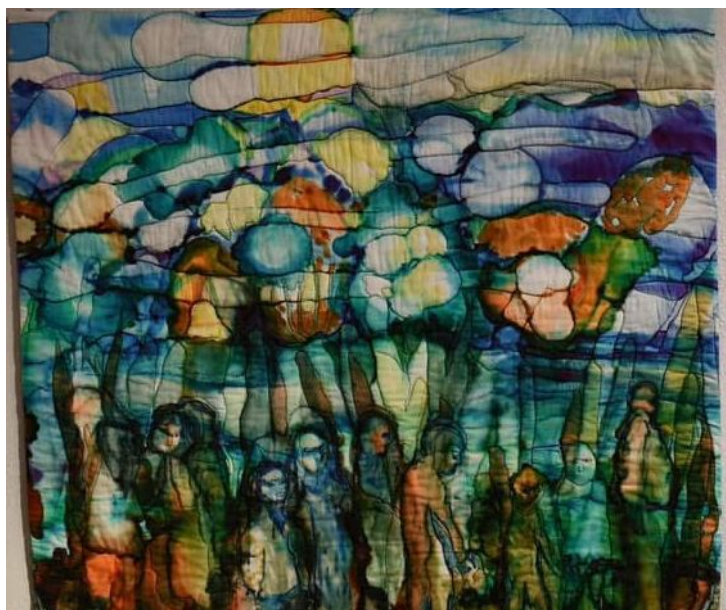
Remember to bring \$30 for dues, and \$40 for the workshops, if you signed up, and some extra for the Raffle Table and Market Table. We will be accepting credit cards for DUES ONLY at \$31. I know I'm glad I don't have kids in school anymore; I heard on the news that the average cost for books and supplies will be \$895 per student this year. Wow, Lake Oconee Quilt Guild is still a bargain.

I will see you in September (isn't there a song). Remember to bring your show and tell so we can all see what wonderful things you've accomplished over the summer.

OUR NEXT MEETING - September 2nd
Following Meeting: October 7th

September

Laura Leiden is a passionate artist who creates amazing art quilts. Laura enjoys sharing her creativity as she demonstrates how to paint with alcohol inks and then to combine this with free motion quilting. She will demonstrate how she has used this technique on the quilts that she shares.

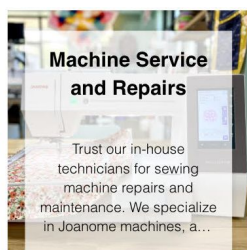


October

Sew Sew Studio will be our guest at the October meeting. Their technician will share tips and tricks of machine maintenance which will help all of us sew quality stitches. In addition, Sew Sew Studio will bring a pop up shop so come prepared!



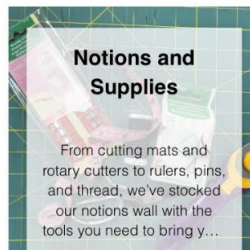
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Workshop: *Quilting Row by Row: 27 Skill Building Techniques*

The program committee is very pleased by the overwhelming interest in the Row by Row format for our workshops this coming year. We hope you have been keeping up with emails and Facebook posts. The response has been overwhelming! We thought we might not be able to accommodate everyone who wanted to participate. Happily, we found a solution about space! So plan to sign up and sew on Tuesday, Sept. 2 after the meeting. Along with your supplies please bring an extension cord.

Welcome back fellow members. 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. Looking forward to a new year.

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



The raffle table is back!!!! Bring your money because there will be several items you can't live without! Tickets will be 2 for \$1.00.

Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



The library has moved!!!

It is now off the hallway on the opposite side of the sanctuary. After you check in at the membership table, walk down the hallway by the side door; you'll see our library bookcase in the first room on the right.

The church offices are also on that hallway, so if you see a printer, that's a church office & we don't want to disturb anyone.

Stop by the library table & see some new books we have. All books church checked out for the summer are due back at the September meeting. Can't wait to see your projects at Show & Tell.

Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

All are welcome to share snacks for our monthly meetings. Sign ups not required.



Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Hello fellow quilters. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!!! We have big plans for fundraising in the coming 2025-2026 season. T Shirts are in the works. The plan is to have a t-shirt available each year with the year added so they are collectible. We will be working with Red Dog Creative again this year. Same process of a store set up for our guild, orders fulfilled and we will receive a percentage of the proceeds. More to come!

We have an amazing quilt donated for our raffle. Kay Dejno has made a beautiful work of art and is gifting it to the guild for our raffle. A total of 300 tickets will be sold at \$10 each for the raffle. Tickets will be available at the September meeting for our members to purchase. I am asking each member to adopt 2 tickets to either keep or sell. In addition to the support from guild members, we will be selling tickets at the Chili CookOff in Madison on October 11 and the Mistletoe Market in Eatonton on November 8th. I may come back to members to ask for additional help selling tickets if they are not sold by the completion of the Mistletoe Market. The drawing will be at the Guild meeting in December.

Speaking of the Mistletoe Market, we have quite a few items remaining from the Dairy festival efforts. Those items will be for sale at the Mistletoe Market. We do not have Holiday items. If you have holiday items that you would like to add to our inventory it would be much appreciated! As with the previous process, please provide a minimum of 5 of each item. The exception to that request would be ornaments. We will have a display tree to display ornaments in any quantity.

The Market Table will be back by popular demand!!! If you have fabric a fat quarter or larger that needs a new home please donate that to your favorite quilt guild!!! Items donated to the Market table that are not specific to our guidelines of fabric, quilting tools, threads etc will be placed on a free table. See you in a few weeks!



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. There are still a few spots left. I will be accepting your retreat fee of \$30. Make check out to LOQG or bring cash. All fees must be paid by the December meeting. If you have any questions, text, email or come see me at the raffle table.



2025 – 2026 LOQG Quilt Challenge

National Holidays to Celebrate All Year Long !

Celebrate Every Day !

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



Zipper Day – April 24

Example of Holiday Days already spoken for:

Jan 23rd - National Pie Day -
Feb 22nd - National Margarita Day - Robin C.
Mar 23rd - National Puppy Day - Jan A.
Apr 24th - National Zipper Day - Karen Parsons
May 1st - International Harry Potter Day - Kathy T.
June 4th - National Donut Day - Kaye H.
June 18th - National Go Fishing Day - Suzy K.
June 21st - World Day of Music - Johanna A.
July 29th - National Chicken Wing Day - Sally M
Sept 29th - National Coffee Day - Mary G.
Aug 14th - National Bowling Day - Virginia D.

Important information:

Karen Parsons will have the list up by the sign-in 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.



My mother took up quilting in her 70s and was making quilts for all of her grandchildren as they married. When she passed away, I still had four unmarried children, so I took up quilting so that they wouldn't be left out.

Most of my sewing is done with a Bernina Artista 165 that was my mom's. Unfortunately, the screen is going out on it and I may have to upgrade before too much longer. I have an artistic Quilter SD 16 that I use for free motion quilting.

The first quilt that I completed was a blooming nine patch. Carol McRae quilted it for me. It hangs from my loft banister so I can see it every day.

I would have to do some digging to tell you how many UFOs I currently have. Let's just say I'm better at starting than I am at finishing.

My favorite fabric to work with is free fabric. I have been given quite a bit of fabric that I must use up before I buy anything else. I do have stash, and lots of it that is mostly scraps.

My favorite notions are my walking foot and the little rubber things that keep your bobbin and matching thread together.

Unfortunately, my sewing time is kind of hit or miss when I'm really involved in a project. I may sew several hours for several days in a row and then I may not sew again for a month. My favorite part of quilting is piecing, and my least favorite is sewing on the binding.

I find the best deals on fabrics and notions at estate sales.

I have noticed when I'm making a quilt that requires several blocks, the block gets better as I go along, therefore, making a sample block before I start the squares for my quilt is helpful.

Other News

QOV Bee - Quilts Of Valor Bee will meet the last Monday of the month from 10–2 at the Lutheran Church. All are welcome to come.

We appreciate everyone who donated QOV blocks. We have been spending our time this summer sewing the blocks together into quilt tops. Of course we are always looking for someone to quilt the beautiful tops we make, so if you can do that, please see Kay Dejno.

- September 29th
- Donations of patriotic fabric are welcome at any time.



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

- The end of Sulky thread spools snap open and closed to allow you to catch the loose end of the thread for storage.
- Dish and pan scrubbers made from nylon netting work well to remove threads from a rotary cutting mat.
- You can place your sewing machine on a terry cloth towel to reduce vibration and movement.



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. #706-467-1089 or kgs2149@aol.com

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GERI WIRES IS SELLING HER BABY LOCK TIARA III

For more information, contact GERI WIRES at 770-371-4022 or geriwires@yahoo.com

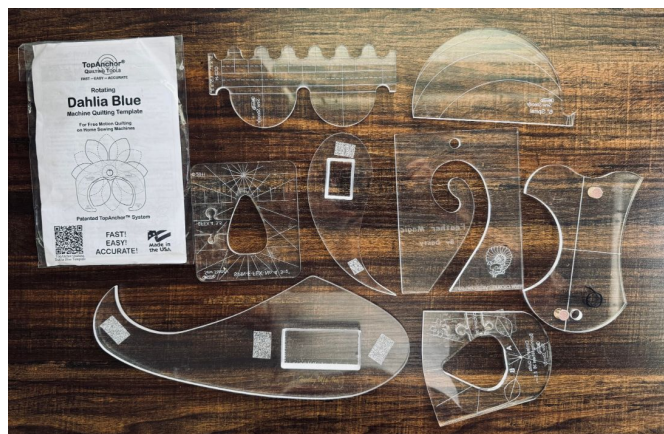
Baby Lock Tiara III Sit Down Long Arm Quilting Machine

Excellent condition, well maintained, 3MM stitch count. I have never had any trouble using this machine!
My new home has no room for it, so I'd like to see it go to a quilter who will love it as much as I have.
Currently located in St. Augustine, FL area...
I will drive back to GA and meet the buyer half way for delivery.

Asking \$2,250

Comes with:

- Heavy Duty table with extensions and surface slider
- TruStitch stitch regulator
- BabyLock bobbin winder
- Extra M-size bobbins, some already pre wound
- Extra needles and accessories
- Hopping Foot conversion kit
- Assorted quilting rulers (see photo)
- All manuals



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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June 4-6, 2026

Cobb County Civic Center Marietta, GA

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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"



94"x83"



54"x64"









Best Overall Design - Julie Bizzoso



Best Use of Color - Gloria Chandler



Viewers Choice - Kathryn Roper







First table called to eat!



Last table called to eat!







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 peppermint 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!!!

