

# Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Newsletter



Quilt Picture  
by  
Lisa Albury

## President's Message - Johanna Adams

As we come to the end of another year, I think of all the fun we've had, all we've learned, and the new friends we've made. When growing up as one of those kids who loved to sew, I never imagined a world of like-minded people like we have here. I am grateful for this organization and all of you. Thank you!

Sew, a few bad jokes for you today, or any kids coming to visit your house.

- Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting? They always drop their needles.
- What do you give a snowman with a fever? A chill pill.
- What do you get if you cross a snowman and a dog? Frost-bite.
- Why did the tree go to the barber? It needed a trim.
- What did one snowman say to the other who was complaining? "Don't worry —you'll melt under pressure."
- Why is December such a cool month? Because it has Brrrr in the name

I hope that 2026 is a great year for you and that any troubles you have leave with 2025. I hope that holiday blessings abound at your house and that 2026 comes as a healthy, prosperous and fun year. I look forward to new adventures, new opportunities to learn and grow, as well as new friends to make along the way. I look forward to the coming months with the guild, and that we can share it together.

Merry Christmas - Happy Hanukkah - Happy New Year to you all. See you in 2026

OUR NEXT MEETING - January 6th  
Following Meeting: February 3rd

**Web Site**  
LOQG.org

**Meeting**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
**Vice President** – Virginia Daley  
**Secretary** – Kathy Thompson  
**Treasurer** – Mary Gimbert

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**Programs** –Kaye Hlavaty  
**Membership** - Suzy Kurelic  
**Show and Tell** – Julie Bizzoso  
**Raffle Table** – Sally McKinley  
**Library** – Pat Gray  
**Challenge** – Karen Parsons  
**Hospitality** – Kay Crane  
**Fundraising** – Karen Whitt  
**Publicity** – Sonya Winterrowd  
**Website** - Helene Perez  
**Retreat** – Sally McKinley  
**Newsletter** – Jan Anderson

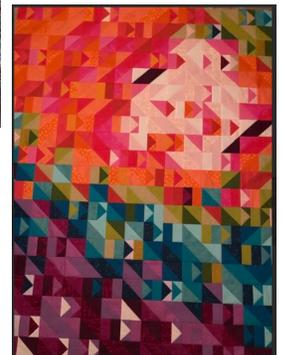
**Contact**  
[secretary@loqq.org](mailto:secretary@loqq.org)

**January** - Our January program features a trunk show by Teresa Smith. The following information is an excerpt from the Henry Herald: *One would think that Teresa Smith's experience as a little girl watching her grandmother, then her mother, anchor pieces of fabric together to make a memorable quilt would have been her foundation into the art. But Smith was nearly 20 years old when she began developing her passion for the skill.*

After graduating from Georgia Tech with a degree in industrial management, Smith found life coming full circle in between aisles of fabric with colorful pieces and intricate designs. Smith remembered she had just agreed to help a friend with a quilt project but found herself signing up for classes. "That was my introduction into the quilt shop," Smith said. "I signed up, and I got hooked completely."

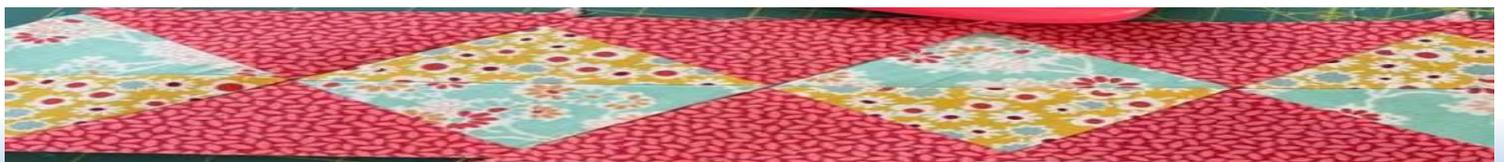
It is this continued passion that motivated the now 60-year-old to submit her works into the 2023 East Cobb Quilt Show where she was recognized as a finalist for quilts "Black Beauty" and "Meadow". "It's a beautiful show with very talented quilters," Smith said. "So I was super excited." Smith said after taking a class with Jacqueline De Jonge she was inspired to make Black Beauty, which uses a combination of paper piecing and traditional piecing for the curves in the quilt. Meadow is a Jen Kingwell pattern utilizing traditional piecing and appliqué, Smith said. The center piecing of the quilt allowed Smith to fade colors in each quadrant. The flowers are also hand appliquéd.

Smith said, "Both of these pieces make me happy, and I want people to be able to see them and feel that joy, and that sense of sigh and relief it brings. One of the things that I hope my quilts do is give resurgence of quilt-making in younger generations," Smith said. "The tools and the machines and what's available to us now is much different and have much better results that what our grandmothers were doing."



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

Our row this month will be Dancing Squares.



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



The raffle table is back!! There will be lots of really cool goodies that you just can't live without.

### Library - Pat Gray & Lisa Albury



Stop by the library table to see some of the books that members have graciously donated to our library. They have great ideas for projects in the new year.

All library books are due back at the January guild meeting unless you would like to renew them.

### Hospitality - Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Mary Anne Shelton

Thanks to everyone for the wonderful holiday brunch! We were blessed with so much food, drinks, and give away goodies! Special thanks for the donated table decorations provided by Carol McCrae, Kathy Thompson, Sally McKinley, Virginia Daley, Jan Anderson, Sonya Winterrowd, Karen Whitt, Johanna Adams, and Kaye Hlavaty. Set up and clean up crews were also greatly appreciated!!

In thanksgiving of all of our blessings, please consider bringing in dry foods and can goods to replenish the church's food pantry. Donations accepted at any time, but January would be a good month to replenish the food bank *Snowflake*.



## Fundraising - Karen Whitt & Robin Cassidy

Hello fellow quilters!

The raffle has concluded with **Pauline R.** The winner. She has received the quilt and is thrilled. I cannot say thank you to Kay Dejno enough times for her gift to the guild. We raised \$2,705 with this fundraiser.

Please order your shirts. I have asked Red Dog Creative to keep our store open through May. Orders placed by May will be delivered in June.

Look through your stash and re-home any fabric that does not speak to you any longer. Your fellow quilters have been thrilled to benefit from your change of heart. Fabric minimum size of a fat quarter. The Market Table has contributed significantly to the support of the Guild. Let's keep it going!

Happy Holidays to all!



Pauline R.....  
.Raffle Winner!!  
A very deserving lady.

Karen Whitt sold the  
most raffle tickets!  
Great job Karen.



## 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

Dates for retreat are **March 10 - 13** new members - come join us!!! Fee is \$30 for 3 1/2 days of fun!!! No cooking, cleaning or answering phones ( unless you want to). Little Ocmulgee Lodge has rooms about (\$149/ night). If you don't have a roomie, I may be able to help you find one. Once you attend one, you'll come back every year!!! If you're a new quilter, you can learn so much from all our phenomenal quilters!! If you have any questions, you can call, text or email me.



Make sure you bring your check for \$30. If you have already signed up, go ahead and make your room reservation at Little Ocmulgee State Park. Tell them you are with LOQG. **March 10 - 13 2025**

**QOV Bee** - Mark your calendars with these dates Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 30, Apr. 27, May 25 and June 29.

A bee is a great way to meet fellow quilters and really get to know them. We encourage all of you to get involved! We meet at the Lutheran Church from 10 - 2.

## 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 – Kaye Hlavaty



In the early 2000s I was busy sewing clothes for my toddler daughter including heirloom items. In 2009 while in a Warner Robins shop I saw that they were going to start a door hanger of the month class. I thought that this would be perfect to make for my mother's door at her memory care unit. When I showed up to the class I was so proud to have brought my prized sewing shears only to discover the rotary cutter! I learned a lot about quilting in the class and hung my completed project on my mother's door. Unfortunately she passed away before the next class was taught. This door hanger now hangs on the door to my sewing room.

At home I sew on a Babylock sewing/embroidery unit. While on retreat I sew on a Brother. I quilt on a Grace 21X elite.

My first quilt was a Strip of the Month Club at Scarlet Thread. Each new quilt gets a page in my journal. On January first I take an inventory of all UFOs and list them on their own page in my journal. As I complete them, I check them off. I usually have about a dozen.

My favorite fabric to work with is cotton. I love the feel of quilt shop quality cotton. I used to purchase for the project but after 16 years I now have a stash. My favorite notion is my Stash and Store. I really like my Stash and Store. This allows me to put all of my most used notions in it right beside my sewing machine. Then, when it's time to go to a retreat, I place this with all of the notions in my bag. So convenient!

How much time do I spend sewing? This is hard to say but if I am at home for the week and not traveling I would guess about 15 hours. My favorite part of quilting is snuggling under a finished quilt. My least favorite part of quilt making is getting the backing the right size!

Where do I find deals and great things? I look at Quilt in a Day each day just to see what I really NEED (LOL)

**TIP:** I keep a project box for each of the projects that I have started or have started to shop for. I use a labeling machine to put the name of the quilt on the box.

**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**

- Clean fusible web “goo” off your iron plate by ironing a fabric softener sheet.
- Protect your ironing board from adhesive residue by covering it with a brown paper bag or other paper.
- Don't use fabric softener when drying fabrics you are pre-washing or for projects you've applied with fusible web. The agents in the softener may prevent the web from adhering or loosen your applique.



**EXTRA Extra Hospitality** with Kathy Sands.

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**Where  
will YOUR  
Name be  
Next Year?**

Sign-ups begin in January....

Please consider being a part of the Guild's officer group.



## Quilts for Doggies and Kitties



We are asking all Quilt Guild Members to make a quilt for the Lake Oconee Humane Society and bring it to the November and/or December meeting. We would like to deliver them to the Shelter in time for the Holiday Adoption Season.

From the samples we made, the instructions are pretty simple. Sew together two fat quarters with batting (Cotton or 80/20 is best).

Sew your fabric right sides together with batting on top. Leave a small opening to turn them right side out and quilt any way you like. Machine quilt, free motion, longarm, use decorative stitches making squares, stripes or diamonds, or stencil a pattern you like.

Use your scrap fabric, sample quilt squares you put together, or just a fat quarter.

We will take pictures of all the quilts when they are turned in and submit them to our Publicity Chair for publication before taking them to the Shelter.



We will collect throughout this year.



Welcome  
to  
Paradise  
Quilt Festival



March 20-22, 2026

Presented by  
Palmetto Quilt Guild,  
Hilton Head Island, SC

Save the Date!  
Georgia Celebrates Quilts®  
Show & Marketplace

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

More information at [www.georgiacelebratesquilts.com](http://www.georgiacelebratesquilts.com)



2026 Quilt  
Festival  
"Welcome to  
Paradise"  
presented by  
Palmetto Quilt  
Guild

a 501(c)(3) organization

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

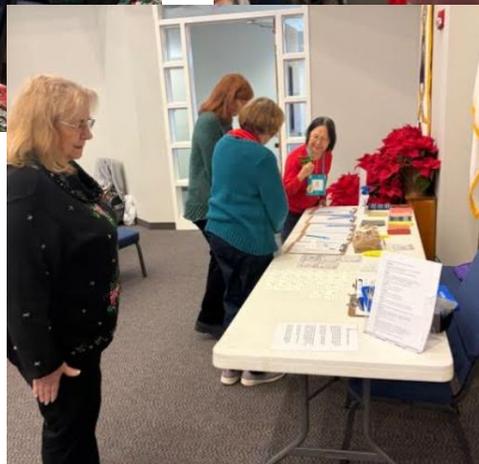
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# December Meeting



# Christmas Brunch





LAST TABLE

Show & Tell



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