

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 2023-2024

President – Kris Rulison
Vice President – Johanna Adams
Secretary – Mary Gimbert
Treasurer – Suzy Kurelic

Committee Chairs

Programs – Theresa Jackson & Cookie Noel
Membership - Josie Elsberg & Kathy Henderson
Show and Tell – Mary Bustion & Geri Wires
Raffle Table – Sally McKinley & Kimberly Topper
Library – Lisa Albury & Pat Gray
Challenge Quilt - Wanda Hamrick
Social – Kay Crane, Cate Pond & Kathy Sands
Ways and Means – Robin Cassidy
Publicity – Hattie Dunlap
Website - Helene Perez
Retreat – Sally McKinley
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President's Message – Kris Rulison

Welcome back everyone!

It has been a LONG, HOT summer, hasn't it? Our September meeting is upon us so hopefully, we can all turn our sights to some lovely fall temperatures and plan for all those warm, wonderful quilts we want to make.

Our wonderful raffle quilt has been completed and we will start the process of selling tickets to the public. It is everyone's job to sell their tickets as this is our only source of income this year besides our dues and we need these funds to continue to provide fantastic program speakers and workshops. We will have the quilt on display at one of our meetings. Many thanks to Raffle Chair Suzy Kurelic and her committee consisting of Kay Dejno, Clare Kranzmann, Kay Crane, Kathy Sands and Barbara Griffiths. And kudos to the 20+ members who took part in preparing the blocks, sewing the blocks and Carol McRae for quilting the quilt. Definitely a team effort!

With the new quilting year, comes new programs and workshops to look forward to. Program chairs Cookie Noel and Theresa Jackson have done a great job lining up some wonderful teachers for us this coming year.

As always, Helene Perez has done a wonderful job with our web site www.LOQG.org and I encourage all of you to check out the new additions to the Members Only section. This includes financial reports, standard forms and committee job descriptions.

Let's have a great year, make new friendships and learn some new techniques. Sew on!

Welcome Back!

Programs - Theresa Jackson & Cookie Noel

Thank you to Theresa, Cate, and President Kris for helping me to navigate organizing programs for this year. We have met several times and thanks to Kris we streamlined the record keeping. Theresa brings her wisdom from having had program responsibility for getting great presenters during COVID. Cate brought her experiences from last year. We have a great line up for this year. We have some new presenters as well as some you all know who are returning due to an overwhelming numbers of requests! Please read your newsletter for updates and supply lists. We are also open to suggestions for future programs so keep them coming.



September 5, 2023 **Wini McQueen** will be presenting “**THE VOYAGE THROUGH PARADISE**” Wini is an internationally recognized fabric artist who hails from Macon, Georgia. She specializes in dyeing fabrics and she will speak on her art and show items using her fabric. There will not be a workshop. But she will help us to get the creative juices flowing.

Future Programs

- October 3rd - Julie Lewis - Sew Sew Studio, Trunk Show and Workshop
- November 14th - (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**) Annual Quilts Of Valor Presentation
- December 5th - Holiday Luncheon
- January 2nd - Candace Hassan - Trunk Show and Amaze-ing Quilt Workshop
- February 6th - Tammy Silver - Trunk Show and Argyle Fizz and Tucker tool Workshop
- March 5th - Nancy Hutchison - Trunk Show and **Wednesday** Workshop
- April 2nd - Member Teaching Stations (TBD)
- May 7th - TBD
- June 4th - Members Luncheon

Membership – Josie Elsberg & Kathy Henderson

To remain an active member of the guild, dues need to be paid on or before October 1, 2023. At the September meeting, bring cash or your check of \$25 made out to LOQG. All unpaid members as of October 1st will be inactivated and you will no longer be able to access the membership directory. You may also mail Kathy Henderson the check. Email her at kathylovesthelake@gmail.com for her address or check the membership directory. The website will be updated and we want to make sure all of you are notified of upcoming events, so please make sure we have current information on you including address, cell number, and email address. |

Challenge Quilt – Wanda Hamrick



Is it a color? Is it a quilt pattern? Is it a shape or certain size? This year's Challenge quilt will be revealed at our September meeting. Stay tuned!



Please bring this year's Challenge quilts back for Show and Tell so we can all get a better glimpse of how special they were.

Ways and Means - Robin Cassidy

The completed raffle quilt will be on display at the September meeting. Hopefully, the tickets will be printed by then and distribution of the tickets will be available for members to sell. Tickets must be paid for when picked up.

Last year we would did not hold our A-May-zing auction and therefore, had no fundraising income. In order to continue to provide top quality speakers and workshops we need to find a way to increase our income. We are looking for volunteers to join the committee to discuss holding the auction, revising it and/or other fundraising activities. Contact Kris or Robin to let them know of your interest. It is a great way to get involved in the guild!

Library- Lisa Albury & Pat Gray



Great news! Our library books are now color coded by subject for ease in finding the one you want and are listed on the website by subject, title and author. Members can get books from the bookcase in classroom E before the guild meeting and during the break. This room is in the hallway where the Show & Tell photos are being taken, so please be considerate of them. Members may check out books for free for one month and the books will be due at the next guild meeting. The library committee asks that you please wait for a librarian to be present at the library table in the back of the meeting room for you to check out or return a book. This helps us keep track of our inventory. Complete library policy including late fees is available at library table and on the web site.

Social- Kay Crane, Cate Pond & Kathy Sands

We want to welcome everyone back. The coffee will be hot and the social committee will be providing refreshments for the september meeting. We hope you will volunteer your baking skills in the upcoming months.



Member Spotlight - Johanna Adams



Johanna and her husband, Doug, moved to Georgia in 2003, from the Chicago area, to retire in a warmer climate, on the water. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Johanna started quilting in 2004, when a group of hand quilters invited her to join their group. They still gathered around a quilting frame and did quilting like at an old-fashioned quilting bee. Ruth Biron told her about LOQG and Johanna joined and became an avid quilter. She has been an active member since 2005.

Soon after, she joined the Needles for Jesus group at the First United Methodist Church in Milledgeville. She has been the leader of that group for 11 years. Last year they gave away 200 quilts. This group also makes toys, fidget blankets and chemo hats. They make items for sale to raise money to make more quilts. The group is self-supporting by donations and craft sales and a quilt giveaway fundraiser.

Johanna has been sewing since she was 7. Doug asked her what she wanted to do when they retired and she said "sew." He said "You can't do that all the time" (Oh Yeah?) He likes to say that her favorite thing is to cut perfectly good fabric into little pieces and sew it back together again.

Show and Tell - Mary Bustion & Geri Wires



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. (Remember whether you signed the A, B, or C list).
2. When your Show and Tell list is called, 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.
4. Receive a small token of appreciation for sharing as you leave the stage.

That's it! We encourage members to share only one project per month and we ask that it be completed. 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!

We also would like to remind those who participated in the April Nancy Hutchison/Laura Heine collage workshop, to bring the completed collages for September Show and Tell. Nancy will be back to teach a new collage technique in March.

Other Committee News

- Publicity Committee - All members please check your local newspapers or other media outlets for publication of LOQG activities. If you see any mention of our guild let me know the publication and bring a copy of the article or post to guild. If you do not see any information about our guild, please forward the name of your local paper, editor and any contact information you have (email, phone number.) Since our membership extends to areas outside the lake country I would like to get information about the guild to areas outside and around Putnam and Green Counties. There could be some quilters looking for us and interested in attending our meetings/workshops. Thanks, it takes a community to raise a Guild! Contact HattieDunlap@gmail.com.
- Bylaws Committee - It has been a while since the bylaws were tweaked. Recommendations have been made and we will be reviewing and voting on the recommendations at the November meeting.
- Treasurer - All financial information can be found on the web site under the members only section. This will be updated monthly.
- Web Site - The web site has been updated and there is plenty of information on the guild activities. You can find the member directory, the library policy and lists of all the books in our library, the program guidelines, financial reports, all forms and even committee job descriptions.

Other News

Raffle Table - Be sure to stop by the Raffle Table. Bring your money!!! There will be all kinds of goodies that you can't live without!!





Fall 2023 Retreat
October 29 – November 2

Guy Harvey Resort, St. Augustine Beach
860 A1A Beach Blvd, St Augustine Beach, FL 32080
Toll Free : [855-509-9724](tel:855-509-9724)
Group Name: Stitch2023
Room Rate: \$139 plus taxes
Check-In: 4:00 PM | Check-Out 11:00 AM

See [Karen Parsons](mailto:karen.parsons@stitch2023.com) (860) 849-6013 quiltgirl2288@gmail.com for questions/concerns and for the deposit.

Fairwinds Room (the “sewing” room) fee: **\$35 per quilter**. This fee is due at signup starting at the September Guild meeting. Limit of 20 sewing participants.

Note: Sewing room is available only through 11:00 am on Thursday, Nov 2, however, the actual hotel room rate is good through Thursday eve for checkout on Friday if you want to stay the day on Thursday to enjoy the resort or visit St. Augustine!

- Yoga instructor optional if enough sign up.

Quilts of Valor - Thanks to everyone's contributions this summer, our Quilts of Valor inventory is in good shape. Please continue your efforts to keep up ahead of the requests. We've presented two quilts to WWII veterans and one to a veteran in hospice. These come up frequently and need to be presented quickly. We will have our annual QOV presentation in November, the date is changed to November 14th due to voting at the church on November 7th.



LOQG Spring Retreat – The 2024 Guild Retreat will be held March 12-15th, again at Little Ocmulgee State Park. Sign up for the waiting list at the meeting if you would like to attend as there are always a couple of people who have to cancel for one reason or another. **Payment of \$25** for the retreat is due by the end of December. There will be no refunds but if you have to withdraw, you can make arrangements with those on the waiting list.



Peaceful Hearts Quilt Guild Quilt Show

November 10th - 9 am - 5 pm
November 11th - 9 am - 4 pm
Admission \$7.00

Riverview Park Activities Center
100 Riverview Park Dr.
North Augusta, SC 29841

Picture from PHQG flyer

Help needed with setting up the sound system on meeting day. We could use your expertise if you know anything about this or are willing to learn. See Kris for information.

