

Lake Quilters News

February 2026

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Welcome To Winter

Hopefully everyone survived the recent snow and ice. I was held hostage for 11 days due to a solid frozen road and driveway. Being home bound wasn't a total loss though, as like many of you, I was able to finish some projects and make a few Boutique items.

The Board meeting this month had to be cancelled because several of us were unable to get out. Therefore, you will not see any minutes in the Newsletter.

Laura and the quilt show committees are hard at work and things are moving ahead.

I'm sure all of use are looking forward to the presentation of the Quilts of Honor to Henry Fisher and Ed Crawford, These gentlemen have long histories of military and community service and it will be a privilege to honor them.

Be a bit happier each day:

Tune into gratitude.

Gratitude has found to improve our mental health, even if we don't remember or realize how much a simple gesture of thanks can mean to ourselves and others. Writing a gratitude letter to a specific person in our lives has great benefits. Reap the benefits. Write someone a gratitude letter this week.

Who will your letter go to? The first person I will write a letter will be Jesus.

- Judy

**February 2026 Meeting is on
February 17, 2026 from 1p-3p at
Saunders Fire Hall
Workshop Feb 16-17 details below**

OFFICERS 2026

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**If you have a question about a program,
or a submission to the Newsletter please
email marshamelk@hotmail.com before
the 10th of each month.**



Sunshine Updates:

**Keep your fellow members in mind
for any reason to request a guild
card contact Ruthe at
rploskunyak@outlook.com.**

**Welcome new member Kimberly Drew! She
came to the January meeting. If anyone is
interested in joining the Guild please fill out
the [2026 Membership Form](#).**

Reminder: the next LQG mtg will be a Quilts of Honor Sew In on Monday, February 16 (9:30 am to 4 pm) and Tuesday, Feb 17 (9:30 to noon) at Saunders Fire Station, 12253 Smith Mountain Lake Parkway, Huddleston, VA 24104.

The Guild Meeting and Founders Day Celebration will be from 1 pm to 3:30 on Feb 17. There will also be a "Presentation of Quilts" to members of our community: Ed Crawford and Henry Fisher. We will also have our annual Founders Day Celebration with cup cakes!

Calendar and Programs

Feb 16 and 17, 2026

Workshop and General Meeting Saunders Firehouse

Workshop -

Monday; Feb 16, 2026

Quilts of Honor Sewing

9:30am to 3:30pm

Tuesday Feb 17

Continue Quilts of Honor Sewing

9:30am to Noon

Program meeting -

Tuesday Feb 17, 2026 1pm to 3pm

Presentation of Quilts to members of our community, Ed Crawford and Henry Fisher. Their families will be invited and we will have our annual cake reception celebrating our Quilt Guild as well as these deserving men.

March 17, 2026

Workshop and General Meeting Resurrection Catholic Church

Workshop -

Monday, March 16, 2026

Shrug

9am to noon

\$5.00

Ann Hoar is teaching the Shrug that she modeled at the last meeting. We will do sign ups at February meeting. There will be some "homework" that attendees will need to complete. We will have the instructions at the February meeting for this homework. They will be distributed as folks pay their \$5.00. For anyone not attending the Feb. meeting, but wants to do the workshop, they should contact me via email hayesflorence530@gmail.com or phone me at 770 815 5702.

Program Meeting -

1 pm - Wearable Quilts

Featuring quilting items we can make to wear.

Go to our website to keep up to date on all things Quilt Show!

<http://lakequilters.org/quiltshow/quiltshow.htm>

Quilt Raffle tickets are available for you to sell to friends and family.



Upcoming Events and Call to Action

Community Outreach

- CORE= Community Out Reach Events! This is different from charity where we give items. Community out-reach is trying to reach out to people who are interested in joining our quilting community. All of these events are open to the general public, invite friends, family and neighbors to join in! If you have friends who are interested in quilting, invite them out for a friend hangout!

CORE events are created to expand possible meeting times and days for members of the guild that cannot attend our regular guild meetings, as well as introduce the public to our art form and our guild's activities.

These are the CONFIRMED CORE events for the first quarter of 2026; they will be held at the SML/Moneta Library. All events are open to the LQG members if they register with the library, as well as the interested public.

March 12, 2026 Thursday 5 pm to close. Repeat from November (as requested by library patrons) of charm pack patchwork tote.

March 21 and 22, 2026. All day Saturday and Sunday. Commuter retreat. At present this will be a daytime retreat for those interested in sewing with fellow guild members and the public who are interested in expanding their skills. It is possible that there may be instructions for either an animal face or quilt jacket construction, but this has not yet been confirmed.

If you have any questions concerning CORE events, or have ideas to be included, please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers by email at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

BEE INFORMATION

If you are interested in joining an existing BEE or starting a new one, please contact our BEEKEEPER, Jan Emerick-Brothers by email at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

Here is the BEE display Schedule for 2026

March- River Queen BEE

May- Be Artful BEE

July- Worker BEE

September- Stitch-n-Chat BEE

November- Kept in Stitches BEE

Charity and Fundraising

Charity Report

Great start to the new year! At the January meeting we had lots of gorgeous donations. These along with December donations allowed for the delivery of 2 quilts of honor, 27 quilts of various sizes and 2 fidget quilts. The deliveries went to Carilion Hospice Clinic, Rocky Mount Health and Rehab, Lake Christian Ministries, Centra Bedford Hospice, and Bedford Abuse Shelter.

Here is Holly of Centra Bedford Hospice holding one of the quilts of honor. Thank you all. All organizations were very appreciative.

February 16th and 17th, we will have a sew in to make more quilts of honor to add to those worked on, in November. Kits will be provided. Based on feedback, many will be precut and just need sewing. Several have panels, and others will require sub-cutting. We are targeting having 30 quilts of honor made in 2026.

At the January meeting, Ann shared the concept of quilted hug. On Tuesday March 17th, Ann will be holding a workshop from 9 am to noon. Please sign up at the February meeting. There is pre-work. Here are several youtube videos. The hug you make can be for you, a family friend, or you can provide to charity. We won't have kits for this workshop.

The response to making placemats for meals on wheels was phenomenal. We have identified several other organizations that provide meals on wheels locally. Please feel free to continue making placemats. In the months to come we'll share the quantities needed.

Through reviewing our current inventory and our open requests; fidget quilts and stuffed bears are needed. We welcome donations of everything! So as the winter keeps you indoors feel to create! As a reminder, we have backing and batting so all we need are tops (and bindings).

Mary Colby and Ann Hoar

Charity Co-chairs



Videos of the "Quilted Hug" or Shrug

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8_XvkkjyM&authuser=0

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxJoWjiYYwl&authuser=0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvi0Aj4qZJ4&authuser=0>

WAYS and MEANS

HELP WANTED!!!

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Ways and Means is looking for a third member. As our role has grown so has the work. Please let June or Cathy know if you would be interested in joining them in the fun!!

And thanks to all who made our Ways and Means UFO Challenge such a success last month.

We have lots of new UFO's for this month, so pick one or more and get your name entered to win the \$100 gift certificate from Fork Mountain.
June, Cathy and ????

Good Luck and Happy Sewing,
June and Cathy

2026 Challenge

The 2026 Challenge is based on the song "My Country Tis of Thee". This song celebrates liberty, freedom, and the concept of being proud to be an American.

For this challenge, you are to make a quilt portraying what fascinates or intrigues you about America through the last 250 years. Your ideas for the quilt can depict patriotic themes, historical figures, landmarks, or Iconic symbols. It can also represent freedom of speech, freedom to vote, freedom of religion or family heritage,

Attach to your quilt a short note on why you chose the topic for your quilt.

After doing more research, the largest size for this Challenge Quilt will be 45" x 60" (lap quilt size). From what I have read, the average size for a lap quilt to use with a wheelchair is 30" x 42". Wall hangings can be all sizes. To make it easy, I know there are a lot of different numbers on the internet, I am going to limit the size for this year's Challenge quilts from 24" x 24" (wall) to 45" x 60". Anything in between these two dimensions will be acceptable. Have fun!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Jan Brockman, at jmbquilt2024@gmail.com.

Quilt Show

Lake Quilters Guild of Smith Mountain Lake

JULY 10-11, 2026

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Over 100 quilts
with awards

Raffle gift baskets

Quilt Vendors
to shop from

Patriotic display of quilts

Our boutique
selling artisan items

www.lakequilters.org

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HIGH SCHOOL
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700 TANYARD RD,
ROCKY MOUNT, VA
24121

Business After Hours Free Event for our Members

As members of **SMAC** and the **SML Chamber of Commerce**, we are all invited to this **PRIVATE** event for Chamber members.

Come enjoy great food, door prizes and drinks to support our **Arts Council** and future **SML Center**.

February 19, 2026-5-7 PM-Westlake Cinema - free!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Join us!

Feb. 19 | 5-7 p.m.

WESTLAKE CINEMA

84 Westlake Road, Suite 117

hosted jointly by



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Sharing the vision of a new venue dedicated to education, entertainment and events in the heart of the Smith Mountain Lake community

IMAGINE the possibilities ...

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QUILT SHOW



MARCH 5-7, 2026
Thursday-Saturday
10 am-4 pm

Elon Community Church
271 N. Williamson Ave. Elon, NC 27244

FREE ADMISSION

Donation of canned goods appreciated.

FEATURING: Bed Turning each day at 11 am and 2 pm
raffle baskets, quilt sales, scissor sharpening, and vendors.
Display of patriotic quilts for the 250th anniversary of the USA

Door Prize: Double Takes Four (Twin) (Drawing on Saturday)



Keynote Speaker: Lee Chappell Monroe
"Are You a Modernitional Quilter?"

Friday, March 6, 6:00 pm. Tickets \$10 at the door

Presented by: Alamance Piecemakers Quilt Guild & Burlington Carousel Quilt Guild

"Are you a Modernitional Quilter?"



Lee Chappell Monroe

Keynote Speaker, Art Feeds the Soul Quilt Show

Lee combines both modern and traditional techniques in her works and has been creating since she first discovered crayons at age 2! She's from a family of quilters and learned everything from her mother. With a love of color and bold, graphic shapes, Lee enjoys designing patterns and teaching all types of classes, while sharing her adventures on her blog: www.maychappell.com. She is a trained graphic designer whose work has appeared many publications. A book author, a Bernina Ambassador, a Creative Spark and Craftsy instructor, and an active member of the Triad Modern Quilt Guild, she brings years of experience and creativity to her quilting.

When: Friday, March 6, 6:00 pm

Where: Elon Community Church (enter through rear parking lot)

Tickets: \$10 at the door

Presented by: Art Feeds the Soul Quilt Show

ENTER YOUR QUILTS IN THE 2026

SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee is inviting you to showcase your quilts at the guild's 45th Quilt Show & Competition. The show is scheduled for Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Knoxville Expo Center in Tennessee. More than \$7,500 in awards will be made to quilters in 14 categories, including a juniors category (ages 16 and under), and 14 additional special awards. Deadline for entries is April 18, 2026. Please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com for more information on the competition and for entry forms.