

Lake Quilters News

July 2026

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY

What a glorious day July 4, 2026 to celebrate our country's Independence Day. We are so thankful for freedom, faith, and family. Hope you all had a great 4th celebration with friends and family and enjoyed some good food and fireworks.

The Quilt Show began Friday July 10th through Saturday July 11th at the Franklin County High School. I knew it was going to be a great one. There were over 100 quilts on display with judging and consignment sales. There were 14 vendors present with all their wares and we supported them with purchases. There were over 400 items in the Boutiques made by our talented members. Please thank our Guild members for their tireless work to give us a fantastic show. Many members have worked for a year to make this year's show a gift to our community.

Our Guild meeting will be July 21st at Resurrection Catholic Church. Ways and Means will not display this time, because we will have leftover items from the Boutique for sale. If you were unable to attend the Show, you can purchase items at the meeting for very reasonable prices.

In keeping with "learn something new everyday" on August 17th and 18th, Arlene Blackburn will be teaching a class on the Bull's Eye Quilt. I hope many of you have signed up for the class. The quilt is very pretty, easy to make, and you can use your scraps to complete. September 14th and 15th at the church, I will be teaching how to make a Jellyroll rug. A supply list and preliminary instruction sheets will be available at the July meeting as there is some homework required prior to the class. These rugs are fun to make, although time consuming, and useful around the house or as gifts (Christmas isn't that far off). Please read the Newsletter for updates.

Make yourself happier everyday: With the stresses of daily life, it can often seem difficult to find moments to smell the roses. Rethinking difficulties and finding the silver lining can help you feel better in both the moment and the longer time. Make finding Joy and acts of Kindness part of your daily routine.

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July 21

**Resurrection Church at 1 pm.
Presentation of Viewers choice award
and recap of quilt show
Sign up for Aug. and Sept Workshops.**

OFFICERS 2026

**President: Judy Edgeworth
Membership Chair: Cindy Regan
Program Chair: Flo Hayes
Secretary: Lyn Coleman
Treasurer: Veronica Church
Publicity/Newsletter: Marsha Melkonian
WebMaster: Janet Webster**

**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.

Programs

July 21

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Sign up for Aug. and Sept Workshops.
Cost for each workshop is \$10.00

Workshop

Aug. 17 and 18 at Resurrection Church
Bullseye Quilt. (Uses scraps)
Check in and machine set up at 9 am.
Arlene will begin workshop at 9:30 am
We will finish at 3:30 on 17th and Noon
on 18 th.
Cost \$10



Workshop in Sept. will be Jelly Roll Rug
Taught by Judy Edgeworth.
At Resurrection Church.
Sign up sheet at July and Aug. Meeting.
Cost \$10.00



Welcome to New members:

If anyone is interested in joining the Guild please
fill out the [2026 Membership Form](#).

Barbara Benson
Toni Doyle
Nancy Draheim
Trisha Eanes
Kay Edmondson
Donna Hammond
Sara Johnson
Debbie O'Donnell
Debbie Sipes
Laura Stout
Suzanne Thornhill
Jill Walton
Annie Williams

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.

The SML/Moneta Library has begun advertising our "Make and Take" Seasonal Placemats event, scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2026, starting at 10:30 am and going until finished. These simple placemats use 4-inch blocks, and interested participants can register at the library or by calling 540-425-7004. A special thank you to Laura Cox for volunteering to help with this event.

Survey Results

Last month we asked: "How do you usually organize your scraps?"

- 6 members organize by COLOR
- 2 members organize by SIZE
- 3 members do not organize them at all

BEE

The Worker Bee will be demonstrating at this month's meeting following the quilt show.

Please remember that 2026 is the final year for Bee demonstrations. Starting in 2027, Bees will instead sign up to speak at meetings to share their yearly activities and interest

Charity

We often never know how our contributions impact those in need. In 2017, this guild sent quilts to Houston, TX to survivors who had been hit by Hurricane Harvey. We received a thank you note from one of the recipients of our quilts. During the aftermath and turmoil, the quilts our guild provided helped them work through the trauma, grief and rebuilding.

“Thank you. It has been many years since hurricane Harvey hit Houston, Texas. But I still remember the woman driving up in her station wagon with a pile of quilts for my neighbors and I. People who just Lost homes, Family mementos, and dreams. Your kindness from so far away helped ease a little of our burdens. For many of us your quilts were the only blanket we had.”
Thank you.
Paula Dalton”

We now have over **10 fidget quilts** in the inventory and more in works. Thanks to everyone. If your bee would like to make fidget quilts, charity can bring the supplies and work with you. The River Queen Bee enjoyed the challenge of being crafty at our June meeting.

Wednesday, September 16th from 1 to 3pm and Wednesday, October 14th from 1 to 3pm, we will meet at the Moneta library to make **pet mats**. A sign-up sheet will be at the July and August meetings, so that we can prepare for the workshop. Will need attendees to bring their machines with heavy duty needles. We will pre-cut upholstery fabric to make the beds. We will fill them with an extra layer of upholstery fabric. After these events, our focus will move away from pet beds. The individual members can make beds and deliver them to the local humane societies. The website will be updated to share sizes and contact information.

We welcome donations of quilts, quilt tops, NICU hearts, walker bags, fidget quilts, marble mazes, placemats, and pillowcases. As a reminder, we have backing and batting so all we need are tops (and bindings). At the next guild meeting, we'll have lots of kits available for anyone who wants to longarm a quilt top. The kit includes top/batting/backing.



Quote from Pokey Bolton, Summer 2026 Quilting Arts Magazine, on behaving like a mentor:

“Quilting has always been built on shared knowledge – patterns passed down, techniques demonstrated, stories exchanged over cutting tables and retreats. Quilting survives because artists lift one another.”

So.....

Receipt Quilts

At last month's Guild meeting, Flo let us know that we'll be doing Receipt Tape (or adding machine tape or calculator tape) Blocks to make a Charity Quilt(s) at the upcoming November meeting. She asked that we make as many as we feel like & bring them to the meeting to put together. Don't tear off the receipt tape once you've made the block & be sure to leave 1/4 inch around the block. We'll be tearing off the receipt tape as it's pieced together. Laura found a great video on Facebook (link below), and I gave it a try - it's really fun and easy!! Here's a couple of YouTube videos that demonstrate the process. Have Fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CcofoZrBv/> NOTE: If you don't have a FB account, just X out once this comes up & it will take you to the video

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/aewcuLrtxPY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRK1pfQuZDo>

Peaks and Pieces Quilt Show

The show will once again be held at the Bedford Public Library, 321 N Bridge Street, July 15 - 25, 2026.

The hours coincide with the Library's Hours of Operation

Wednesday July 15	9 - 6
Thursday July 16	9 - 8
Friday July 17	9 - 6
Saturday July 18	10 - 6
Monday July 20	9 - 6
Tuesday July 21	9 - 8
Wednesday July 22	9 - 6
Thursday July 23	9 - 8
Friday July 24	9 - 6
Saturday July 25	10 - 4 (show closes prior to library closing for take-down).

We are so happy to be able to offer free admission again this year, along with a boutique full of reasonably-priced quilted items, 80+ quilts on display in the library's lovely upper level, our raffle quilt, and of course our popular Quilty Scavenger Hunt. Winners in all categories are selected by Viewer's Choice.

More information is available at our website,
<http://www.peaksandpiecesquiltguild.com>
and on Facebook.



2-DAY WORKSHOP
with Kevin Womack:

"Printing Possibilities"



Prepare to be amazed by the versatility of the silkscreen.

In this fun, process-oriented, two-day workshop, you'll explore a wide range of approaches for applying pattern and imagery to cloth using this essential surface-design tool. My techniques emphasize spontaneity and improvisation, encouraging your creative instincts to take the lead. I'll provide the textile inks and demonstrate multiple methods for building rich, layered prints. You'll bring the fabric, screens, and a few basic tools—then let your imagination run wild. Come ready to have fun, get a little messy, and discover just how many possibilities screen printing can offer!



September 2 & 3, 2026
(Wednesday & Thursday)

Arrival/Check in/Set up from 9:00 am to 9:30 am

Workshop starts at 9:30 am

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060

\$145 member (TAVA & TQP) full workshop fee per person

\$170 non-member full workshop fee per person



Kevin Womack, a textile artist from Lynchburg, Virginia, began quilting in 1986, taught by his grandmother. Inspired by family quilts made from scrap fabrics, he explored pattern and cloth, developing a passion for fiber art. Kevin specializes in hand dyeing and surface design techniques to

create unique fabrics for his quilts. His work has been featured in regional and national exhibitions, including *Quilt National '13* and *Quilt Visions Biennial 2014*. He won Best in Show at *Quilts=Art=Quilts 2021* and the Award of Excellence at *Form, Not Function: Quilt Art 2023*. A dedicated educator, Kevin teaches and lectures nationally.



Questions? Please contact Gail Billingsley: gail.billingsley@gmail.com 540 961 2113

For registration form and supply list go to: <https://www.textileartistsofva.com/workshops>

Shenandoah Valley Quilt Guild in Harrisonburg, VA

If you are a guest from another guild who would like to attend the August or October workshops, please email us at: info@svqg.org

(I have asked them for more location and logistics info - Marsha)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Members of other guilds are now welcome to attend our workshops in August and October!

August workshop:

August 15: Diane Murtha *virtual* lecture and workshop *Fantastic Flowers, Leaves & Wings* \$25 plus supplies [Lectures and Workshops | Diane Murtha](#)

October workshop:

October 17: Linda Boone lecture and workshop *Blended Fabric Collage Landscapes* \$25 plus kit fee [Blended-Fabric-Collage-Landscapes-MiniWorkshop-CAQG.pdf](#) (example only- flyer is not for our meeting)

To sign up for either, please contact us at info@svqg.org



2026 Asheville Quilt Show

Entry forms accepted through June 19

www.AshevilleQuiltGuild.org/Entry-Form

21 categories | \$13,000 in prize money

Aug 13 & 14 9-5 ★ Aug 15 9-4

Adults \$10, 13-18 \$5, 12 & under free

WNC Ag Center, Davis Event Center, Fletcher NC

www.AshevilleQuiltGuild.org/quilt_show