

Lake Quilters News

June 2026

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

WELCOME TO SUMMER

I am so happy to see warm sunny days, blue skies, and fluffy clouds, as they raise my spirits. There is satisfaction in seeing flowers and shrubs bursting into bloom. It is an inspiration, at least to me, for working outside enjoying Mother Nature's wonders.

The Quilt Show is only a month away and volunteers are still needed to work. A sign up spreadsheet will be passed out at the June 16th Guild meeting, Please sign up, if it is only for one day and a couple of hours. The show cannot be successful without our members participation. We certainly want to make a good impression of our community involvement. Don't leave it up to only a few members to do all the work. It really is an enjoyable experience to promote our Guild to the public. In the Guild Vision Statement, we promise to promote the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of quilting through education, sharing, enjoying, and appreciating other's work. Be a Light for the World.

The **June 16th** meeting will be at Saunder's Firehouse beginning at 9am for a sew in day. This is an opportunity to finish those Boutique items or your own projects. Please join us for fellowship.

The **July 21st** meeting will be at 1pm at Resurrection Catholic Church. It will be a review of the quilt show success and a few surprises too.

August 17th and 18th we will meet at the church at 9:30am. Arlene Blackburn will be teaching the Bull's Eye quilt. She will be providing information at our next meeting.

Learn Something New Everyday

Keep those brains active ladies for an enjoyable and full life. Each day set a goal for yourself, even if it's learning a few lines from a poem, song, a Bible verse, or a new quilting technique

- Judy

June 16 Meeting at 1 pm

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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.

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

Welcome our new member: Madeline Edwards from Wirtz

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.

CORE Updates

The next event is Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 10:00 AM until finish. Depending on enrollment, I am looking for one or two guild members to assist with instructing participants in making a seasonal patchwork placemat. If you can help, please email Jan Emerick-Brothers at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you have an idea for CORE or would like to lead a session in 2027, please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

BEE display Schedule for 2026

July- Worker BEE

September- Stitch-n-Chat BEE

November- Kept in Stitches BEE

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.

NOTE - There will not be a Bee Artful meeting in July due to the holiday.

Charity and Fundraising

Through our two meetings at the library, lots of fidget quilts have been started. Looking forward to collecting the completed quilts over the next couple months. Thanks to Carole Thommen for sharing her knowledge and passion about making them.

The storage unit is holding an abundance of stuffing and upholstery for pet beds. In September and October, we will meet at the Moneta library to make pet mats. 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.

In May and June we are continuing to sort and organize the donations we received in April and May. Thanks to everyone who has shared fabric. The patriotic quilt fabric is very different from what we had last November and February.

This month, we delivered children's quilts and placemats to Lake Christian Ministry in Moneta. 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 June guild meeting, we'll have lots of kits available for anyone who wants to longarm a quilt top. The kit includes top/batting/backing.

Ways and Means

There will be "new to you fabric" and "new to you serger" plus other sewing essentials for your summer sewing projects at the guild meeting next Tuesday!

June 2026 LQG Board Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2026 1:00 Moneta Library

Meeting brought to order by President Judy Edgeworth

Attendees

- Judy Edgeworth - President
- Lyn Coleman – Secretary
- Laura Cox – 2026 Quilt Show/President Elect
- Jan Emerick-Brothers – Beekeeper/CORE
- Mary Colby – Charity
- Janet Webster – Web
- Marsha Melkonian - Publicity
- Cindy Regan – Membership
- Karen Taylor – member attendee

President – Judy

- Janet requested a review of the Quilts of Gratitude submission form and it was finalized. The information about the form and process will be conveyed to the general membership at the August meeting (after the Quilt Show). Marsha will post it after that meeting. Forms will be submitted to the Membership Chair by March 2027, for the presentation will be held in 2027 since we already had it in 2026.
- Judy initiated discussion on virtual classes regarding how far ahead to receive the link, since there were last minute glitches in May. It was agreed that the links should be available to the registered members two weeks in advance so that attendees can get the materials list and make sure they won't miss the class due to computer sign-in issues.
- After discussion regarding who books the facility for a virtual workshop, it was suggested that while the Program Chair is responsible, the Program Committee should have a volunteer for each virtual workshop to be responsible for all the details for one virtual workshop class, including location, sign-up, etc. Several members have requested a list of programs/workshops for the year, which is already on the web page. It was also decided that it would be good to have a short presentation/introduction to explain any program/workshop a couple months ahead so members know what the class/workshop is about to encourage sign-ups.
- Reminder that the workshop and meeting this month is at Saunders Fire Hall. Arlene will bring a sample of the bulls-eye quilt she will be teaching later.
- It was also acknowledged that the Global Quilt Connection was the weekend directly before the virtual workshop with Cindy Grisdela, and much confusion ensued. We didn't get signed up until the week before the Sampler. One member of the Program Committee should commit to be the liaison for the two Samplers per year so that we don't miss out on signing up and notifying members of the opportunity in the future.
- We will need an officer nominating committee to meet in September.

No Treasurer's report.

Minutes Con't

BeeKeeper/CORE – Jan EB

- There was discussion of the method to introduce new members to the many Bees available. Cindy sends the new member information to Jan EB and she sends them the current info on Bees' dates and times. She typically doesn't get a response.
- Jan suggested we discontinue the Bee tables at the meeting but perhaps a bee member can stand up periodically at the guild meeting and discuss what the Bee does. The Bees scheduled to have a table for the rest of 2026 will still follow through. Lyn made a motion to discontinue the tables and next year ask Bees to introduce themselves and discuss what they typically do. Cindy seconded, Motion carried.

Membership – Cindy announced one new member, for a total of 74 members.

Charity – Mary indicated there will be another meeting for fidget quilts on June 10th. Marsha will send out a notice.

Publicity/newsletter – Marsha said she has been getting newsletter items submitted on time. Janet will post a sample of the “receipt tape” project along with a video.

2026 Quilt Show – Laura

- Quilt descriptions have been reviewed, edited, and corrected.
- Discussion on the number of pages for the program. The decision will be made based on quantity of programs, number of pages, and cost. Rocky Mount has provided \$1,500 to underwrite programs.
- Last show the signs were put out 30 days in advance, so it needs reviewed regarding locations and timing.
- Rocky Mount will put up a banner...not sure when.
- The floorplan is being finalized.
- There's a question about wifi in the HS gym.
- Members aren't filling out the online volunteer request schedule, and **volunteers are needed**. Janet will print it and bring it to the guild meeting to encourage more sign-ups.
- There is an all-committee meeting for the show at the Moneta Library on June 22 at 2:30.
- Veronica is scheduled to be at the June meeting for Square training.

Judy announced there would be no July LQG board meeting.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 2:38.

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>

Quilt Show update June 2026

The show is just weeks away now! I hope you are getting as excited as I am! Lyn is busy organizing our boutique items, the program is in the last stages of editing, all the Bee raffle baskets are complete, and the signs are being put out on the roads. I am holding a meeting at the Moneta Library on Monday, June 22 at 2:30pm for all the committees to get their "stuff" they need from me and make sure we have covered all details. Some of the details YOU need to know!

Thursday, July 9th 9am-11am - Please bring your registered quilts to the Franklin County High School Central Gym. There will be signs directing you from the road where to go.

Friday, July 10th 10am-4pm - Show is open! Tell all your friends!

Saturday, July 11th 10am-4pm - Show is open! Buy all the fabric!

4:30pm - Quilt pick up should be ready to go! Same place as drop off.

Check with your committee or the sign up genius to find out when you are scheduled to volunteer. We certainly need more than ONE volunteer to white glove! White glove means you walk around and help people with questions, perhaps show them a back of a quilt, and politely ask them to please, not touch the quilts, lol. Everyone should volunteer for a position or two, please. It will make the jobs easier for those of us who have to be there all three days in entirety. Cheers, ladies, to a great show!

Laura

Attention Guild Members: It's TIME to sign up to volunteer to help with our upcoming Quilt Show, (Thurs. July 9 - Sat. July 11 at the Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount, VA)!!

Signing up is as easy as clicking on the link below:

["https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADA929A3F9CF8-63572167-2026"](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADA929A3F9CF8-63572167-2026).

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.



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

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM**

**700 TANYARD RD,
ROCKY MOUNT, VA
24121**

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, thus

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



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 dedicate educator, Kevin teaches and lectures nationally.



Questions? Please contact Gail Billingsley: gail.billingsley@gmail.com 540 951 2113

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

The Asheville Quilt Guild is excited to invite you to enter YOUR quilt into our 2026 Asheville Quilt Show! Our entry form is now live online at <https://www.ashevillequiltguild.org/Entry-Form> and we will be accepting entry forms through June 19, 2026 for our August show. Your quilt does not have to be complete by June 19, but you do need to send in your entry form by that date!

We have 21 different categories so your quilt will surely be able to find a spot in our show! We are also giving away \$13,000 in prize money this year.

Please be sure to read through all of the 2026 Rules and Regulations before you fill out your entry form. Links to both are available on the entry form page linked above.

We are working hard to make this the best Asheville Quilt Show ever, and having YOUR quilt on display will make it even more special!

Just Threads Marcia Layton Designs, LLC Pats Sacks of Titusville The Quilter's Gallery, Inc Quilts on Main, LLC Schoolhouse Quilts Sew 2Gether Quilting SewEndipitous Quilt N Code Tennessee Quilts Asheville Cotton Co. Asheville Regional Airport Foam & Fabrics Outlet All Carolinas Shop Hop All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop All Kentucky and Tennessee Shop Hop All Blue Ridge Shop Hop



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