

Lake Quilters News

July 2025

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Happy Star-Spangled July!

This month's meeting is a Fellowship Day on Tuesday, July 15th from 9:00am – 4:00pm at the Saunder's Volunteer Fire Hall in Huddleston. This is a special day of "guild community" that we have each year. The Charity Committee will have projects to work on (big and small), or you can certainly work on anything else your heart desires. It is just a great time to be together. Whether you are coming to have some dedicated time to finally tackle that big project, just feel the need to sew something, or want to share in some comradery with like-minded sewists, a fun time will be had by all.

Thank you for being the wonderful group of quilters that you are.

Back to the sewing room,
Arlene

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OFFICERS 2025

President: Arlene Blackburn

President Elect: Judy Edgeworth

Membership Chair: Bev Seaver

Membership Elect: Cindy Regan

Program Chair: Flo Hayes

Secretary: Lyn Coleman

Treasurer: Veronica Church

Publicity: Marsha Melkonian

WebMaster: Janet Webster

Editor – Ginger Brothers and Jan Emerick
Brothers

If you have a question about a program,
or a submission to the Newsletter please
email vbrother88@gmail.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 2025 Membership Form.



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- [Charity and Fundraising](#)

Calendar and Programs

July 15th, 2025 -Fellowship Day

Fellowship Day held from 9a-3p at the Saunders Fire Hall.

Cindy Reagan will offer a Rope Basket Making class at this fun day. Sign up sheets will be at June meeting. A day of fun and fellowship with your quilting friends.



2025 RETREAT

The Annual Retreat has only 2 spots left! All Day Spots have been filled!

Our annual Retreat will be held at the 4H Center here at the Lake Wednesday, October 22 through Sunday, October 26. New this year, we will offer day passes for those who wish to sleep in their own beds and bring their own food! We will offer 3 and 4 night options for those who wish to stay overnight with 2 meals each day.

August 15th, 2025 - Suitcase Workshop

Learn how to turn an old suitcase into a traveling sewing kit.



Class FULL!!



Bee Artful Quilters: information about our upcoming dates and place to finish our Shibori indigo fabric dyeing are in the recent email. Please call/text Lyn Coleman if you need additional information or a schedule adjustment.

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- President - Arlene led a discussion about purchasing presentation equipment. The average price would be around \$250. Discussion included issues such as where to keep the equipment so it would be available when needed by guild or bees (Marsha volunteered her house which is centrally located), climate-controlled, train members on its use perhaps Program Committee, videos can be downloaded ahead of time if there's no internet. We need to make sure speakers highlight in their contracts what audio/video is needed. Arlene suggested we table the decision until January 1st 2026 and borrow her equipment in the meantime. Jan motioned to do that, Bev seconded, vote unanimous. We can re-visit in October if there is a need.
- Secretary – Lyn brought the finished 2026 raffle quilt including sleeve, label and carry bag and Laura volunteered to hold it. We need a raffle committee – tabled for now. Laura would like to take it under the Quilt Show umbrella, and will coordinate, including using the August guild meeting to look for Quilt Show volunteers.
- Treasurer – Veronica prepared and shared a mid-year budget review. Arlene discussed that Janet had checked IRS guidelines regarding outside income and the IRS regulations indicate that membership fees are considered outside income. We will now consider fees as outside income and will check the IRS site every year to make sure we comply with IRS guidelines. The mid-year budget review looks good. The board discussed opportunities for outside sales - \$2,762 for outside sales YTD. LQG available funds are \$18,121.14.
- Bev volunteered to chair a By-laws review. It's an ad hoc one-time project. It would be good for someone not on the board to review and know details, especially since the 501c(3) change. We will bring it up at the August guild meeting.
- Time for a nomination committee, again for the August meeting. The chair should be a board member but we should check the by-laws.
- Board members expressed praise for Cathy Fandel and the Ways and Means Committee!
- Charity – Ann discussed storage space. In order to keep from stacking bins in front of shelves, she has been storing bins at home. She has 5 bins organized but will bring to the cutting party only what is needed instead of hauling everything. At some point, some can be handed off to Ways and Means. We need more bags for kits, and Ann will provide list to Veronica. Volunteers are needed for the cutting party 7/23 1:00 to 4:00. Marsha will call people to help, and Bev will give the email list so that Arlene can do an email blast for volunteers.
- Membership – Bev reported 79 members, and discussed using Microsoft Access for the data base of members. Discussion centered around keeping Access software updated versus changing to Excel for future member updates.
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- Publicity – Marsha will provide press releases and may invite some publicity on the Quilt of Honor patriotic day.
- Retreat – Veronica reported there are only 2 spots left, so she will inform members at the next meeting that it's the last chance to sign up before it opens to friends. Something will be included in an e-blast.
- Quilt Show 2026 – Laura indicated that since the 4th weekend in June is the same as Road2VA, it probably means that we need to identify a new location and dates. Rocky Mount just hired a marketing director and we may be able to use this opportunity as well as contacts with Fork Mountain to generate some publicity help if we can land a location in Rocky Mount. Todd and Melissa volunteered to go to the city, along with Arlene and Laura to check into this opportunity.
- The LQG Board meeting adjourned at 3:15

Free Patterns !!!

Quilting Rebel is an awesome Facebook group that the business owners work to put true free patterns in the hands of quilters. Here is just the first round of samplings.

Free Patterns: Click on the blue links to explore these freebie options with full directions!!

[Pixie Dust](#) - If you like triangles and flying geese this is your pattern

[Domino Weave](#) - working with tonals? This is a great way to play with them.

[Birdsong x2](#) - This is a fun spring pattern that can go to fall with variations in the fabric.

[American Dreamer](#) - Are you feeling patriotic? This is a great one to start for Quilts of Honor.

[Cream Puffs](#) - Want a twist on a traditional Irish Chain, look no further!

Upcoming Events and Call to Action

Community Outreach

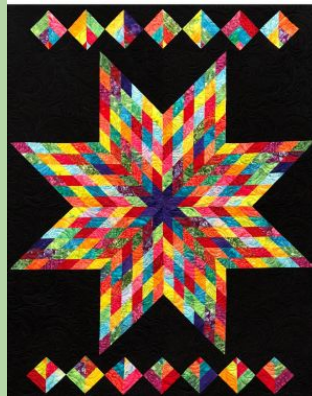
- CORE= Community Out Reach Events!
- *You may wonder why these events are held in the evenings or on Saturday?*
- *Core events are scheduled to reach out to the public AS WELL AS to our members that cannot attend our Tuesday guild events! You can help our guild grow by promoting these events to your friends and neighbors to come and explore our art form.*
- *YOU are always welcome to join as a helper or participant! If you have further questions, email Jan Emerick-Brothers.*

CORE Class Event: Lone Star Quilt Hack

8/23/25 and 9/6/25

@ SMLMoneta

Library 10am - ?



Learn how to make the classic quilt top using jelly rolls using Donna Jordan's You Tube tutorial.

To sign up you will need to contact the SML/Moneta Library as this class has limited space. This event is open to all Guild members and sewers, but you need to sign up.

Once you sign up, directions and your "homework" will be assigned to you. The best part if you complete your homework, you could have a quilt top done by the end of the class! This is a great gift for weddings or charity quilts.

Connections Challenge:

Ask your quilting friends what their go to snack is.

Bonus Challenge: Bring your quilting friend their favorite snack at the Fellowship Day.

Save the Dates:

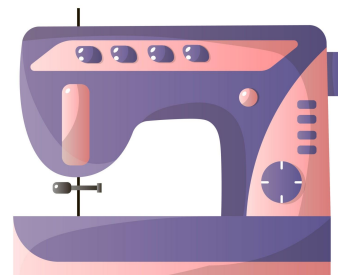
9 Patch BEGINNER block class at WESTLAKE Library Saturday

September 27th 9-1. You will need to register with the Westlake Library for this event. This is a beginner class to promote our guild and hopefully meet new folks interested in quilting.

Helpers are welcome!

FRIENDSHIP STAR block on Thursday

OCTOBER 18th 5-8 pm. Held at the Moneta/SML Library. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come explore with us. Have them register at the Library. This beginner block class is designed to promote our Guild to the public and hopefully gain new membership.



Charity and Fundraising

Charity Report

Thanks to everyone who has been making NICU hearts, pillowcases, and quilts. It's great to be surrounded by such generous and talented people.

We had a great time on June 16th cutting and kitting. We were able to cut all the Christmas stockings for this year. We have 65 more to sew. We'll bring the cut stockings to the July meeting.

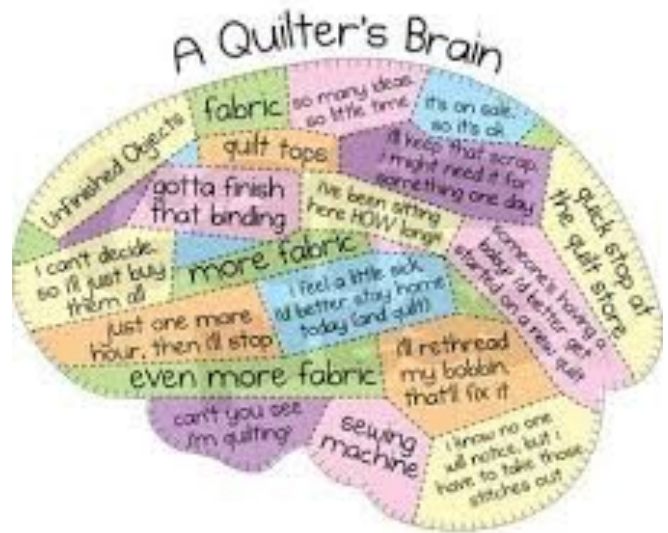
If the summer is just too hot to go outside we still have specific requests for pillowcases, and queen quilts. But all items are welcome!

With all the great work going on, the Charity Committee is having a cutting session this month to replenish the quilt kits. We've booked the Moneta library on Wednesday July 23rd from 1 to 4pm. We will be selecting fabric from the donations that have been received and cutting/kitting them into pieces for quilts. Please bring your rotary cutters, rulers and cutting mats.

The charity committee is working with the board to get labels. Keep on making quilt tops and provide backing and binding material. As a reminder, our 501(c) requirements require us to keep track of what we are making and what we are delivering. So please sign when you commit to making something and fill out the donation form when you return the project.

Ann Hoar and Mary Colby.

Quilters Humor



Ways and Means

Beat the Heat with great deals from Ways and Means in July! Summer is heating up but our prices are coming down. Plan to shop our 1/2 Price Table featuring lots of new fabrics and notions.

Also new will be a great selection of Kits, Orphan Blocks and UFO's.

We will be setting up early for a day of Fellowship and Fun.

June and Cathy