

Lake Quilters News

May 2026

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

SPRING INTERRUPTED

Weather in Virginia has certainly been weird this Spring. Hopeful for sunshine and rain to cheer us all up soon. Thanks to Lyn Coleman for the great fun we had playing Bingo at the April meeting. We will have to do this again.

It was a sad farewell to Cathy Fandel who is moving to Tennessee to be close to family members. We wish her the best and greatly appreciate her work in Ways and Means. We welcome Wendy in stepping up to replace Cathy.

May virtual program on Improv Curves will be presented at the Moneta Library by Cindy Grisdela, May 18 and 19 beginning at 9:00 am. This is a great opportunity to learn another skill to enhance for quilting adventures. (FULL - participants will be contacted directly)

We received a generous large donation from Sue Palmer, who was a past president, but now unfortunately resides in a nursing home.

I recently learned that Quilts of Honor is a national organization and their name is trademarked. We can no longer use the name and will be changing our quilts for presentation to our recipients. More on this to be forthcoming.

Commitment can involve time, money, maintaining relationships with friends, family, or church. Commitment is certainly obvious in our Quilt Show committees, who are doing a wonderful job to make the show fabulous. If you haven't made a commitment to sign up for working the show, please do now as time is running out. Any time that you can give will be much appreciated.

Be a Bit Happier Everyday: Reflect on the good you can do. Having a positive impact and feeling as if we matter are common sources of purpose found for a meaningful or happy life. So reflect on how you can contribute goodness and compassion to your community

- Judy

May 19 Meeting at 1 pm

Moneta Library

Planned program will be a video presentation and Ways and Means will be there with "new" fabric

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.

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

Welcome our new members: Madeline Edwards joined at the April meeting, and C. Witcher joined at CORE

**An email was sent to all with information on the
May 2026 All Star Sampler Platter
May 16 and 17, 3-6pm both days but available for 7 days
Let me know if you have any questions on it!**

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

- Thank you to Lyn Coleman for leading the Landscape Postcards session at the SML/Moneta Library on May 5.
- Thank you to Sue Whitney for donating a sewing machine for CORE event usage.
- Thanks to the Stitch and Chat Bee for hosting a CORE information session at a recent meeting.

Save the Date

The next CORE event, Patchwork Placemats, will be held on Saturday, August 8, starting at 10:00 AM. Participants will use 4-inch blocks to create placemats for one or more of the four seasons.

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.

Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey at the April meeting. The results for "What non-electric tool do you use the most?" are as follows:

1. Rotary Cutter
2. Ruler
3. Scissors
4. Pins
5. Seam Ripper
6. Clips

BEE display Schedule for 2026

May- Be Artful BEE

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.

Charity and Fundraising

Through reviewing our current inventory and our open requests, we continue to need fidget quilts. We deliver as soon as we receive. On May 20th at 1pm and June 10th at 3pm we will have a fidget quilt design session. Carole Thommen and Mary Colby, will be there with extras/topping/bling and the intent will be to help design the add-ons and talk about finishing approaches.

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

This month we received donations from Cindy Rountree and Sue Palmer's family. The donations are being sorted and shared with ways and means. You'll see the donations in kits over the next year.

This month, we delivered lap and patriotic quilts to Centra Bedford Hospice in Bedford. 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).

**Lake Quilters Guild Board Meeting
May 5, 2026**

Meeting was called to order by Judy Edgeworth at 1:01 pm.

Attendees:

Veronica Church, Treasurer
Mary Colby, Charity
Laura Cox, Quilt Show
Judy Edgeworth, President
Flo Hayes, Programs
Cindy Regan, Membership
Beverly Seaver, Acting Secretary (in Lyn Coleman's absence)
Janet Webster, Webmaster

Laura: Quilt Show – we finalized decisions about quilt tag size and the 20' banner layout. A motion was made by Flo and seconded by Veronica that we will purchase 4 cashboxes and an upright photography stand (the one we own is broken). Veronica has agreed to order these items.

Judy: Quilts of Honor Discussion – we received a letter from an organization called Quilts of Honor, citing us for inappropriately using their name which appears to be trademarked. They referenced the recent SML Eagle article written about our November celebration where two local heroes received our quilts. We had selected this name back when we opted against further supporting Quilts of Valor, obviously not realizing the trademark issue. Judy will send a letter of apology to this group and we will soon adopt a new name; Veronica is researching the three choices that surfaced in our discussion and will confirm back if any are found to be already trademarked.

We also agreed to build and communicate a process for future quilt recipient "gifts"; Janet will create a form which will include criteria and expected timelines. The idea would be to continue to make our awards in November so the process will work backwards from that timing.

Flo: Programs – no update; existing plans continue.

Cindy: Membership – we currently have 73 members.

Veronica: Treasurer – we received a recap of all financial activity. One change made: V was informed that Rocky Mount will pay for the 20' banner as opposed to paying us a flat \$1,500. All records will be updated.

Veronica: Retreat – V has signed the contract with the 4H Center; pricing and registration information will be available at the next meeting / in the May newsletter / posted to the Website.

Mary: Charity – Plans continue to focus on Fidget quilts and dog / cat beds through the next several months. Specifics will be in the newsletter.

Janet: Web – the website is fully updated.

Publicity, CORE, Bees, Ways & Means – no updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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**

Quilt show update May 2026

103 quilts submitted! Thank you! I'm so glad you submitted just enough quilts for our flyer to be correct in saying "Over 100 quilts"! LOL. We will be distributing those flyers to local businesses and those in Rocky Mount soon! They are printed and ready to go. Marsha Melkonian could use some help with distributing them, especially in Rocky Mount. Look for sign ups at our next meeting. Our show combined committee meeting was a success, using every minute to plan how we will work together to make transitions go smoothly from accepting your quilt, judging it, hanging it, and getting it back to you! I can't wait to showcase all your beautiful work. Don't forget your hanging sleeves! The process of making one was demonstrated at the last meeting and the last newsletter included a link to a YouTube video teaching the same method. Check it out! Don't forget that we will need all hands on deck during the show days. Joy Shannahan has helped by creating an online sign up for those positions that need bodies on July 10th and 11th. See that link below. Call me if you would like help signing up. Another place to volunteer is at Lakeside Local Market or Kroger to sell the last of our 2000+ raffle quilt tickets!! Yay!! Sign ups are also at the meetings or by phone or email to me. Now that our entries are in, a lot of work begins on planning the show layout, designing the quilt tags and the program, and YOU may have to finish your quilt! I know I do!

Laura Cox

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.



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