

LAKE QUILTERS NEWS



November 2024

A WORD (OR TWO) FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Fall Y'all!

This year I have fully embraced the colorful Fall season (and I don't typically buy Fall-colored fabrics) even though it means the year's end is in sight. This season I have traveled various parts of the Eastern USA and can say we are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area, the colors have been spectacular and the weather gorgeous.

As the year winds down, I admit I've struggled more with what to say in this newsletter than any months. I've started and restarted numerous times until I've finally decided – "Go for it."

I was tempted to give everyone a break from my usual ramblings but then thought – "nah" ...It's almost Thanksgiving! I have so very much to be thankful for and so many people to thank! There will be a "holiday hiatus" from these rambles in December as **THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT MONTH.** This is it for me so...I reminisce 😊.

At the risk of offending someone or something due to whatever excuse you want... check out page 2 😊.

I apologize if I forgot anyone. As you can see, it takes a lot of people working together to make an organization successful and there's been a real plethora of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm provided by volunteers this year! What a gift!!! 😊 There is always room for more dedicated and fun-loving people to join in and help. So, if you haven't stepped up and volunteered in a while, consider how you might do so in 2025!

Finally, I want to thank everyone who showed up at meetings and shared their time, talent and opinions. The Board has tried to take into consideration the ideas and suggestions you provided at the beginning of the year – and we're not done yet! Many great things are coming in 2025 – so keep your ideas and suggestions coming as well. It's OUR guild and I'd just like to close by saying, it's been a privilege to get to know so many of you by serving on the board, working together and as president this year. Thank you! 😊

Joy

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In the Season of Gratitude –

I'm Thankful For:	Thank you -
A FABULOUS Board and SUPER committee chairs – they run this place 😊	Jan EB, Arlene B., Fran S., Bev S, Veronica C., Flo H., Janet W., Patti L, June S, Cathy F, Jan B, Judy E, Sharon C, Kari S
The Raffle Quilt Construction Committee for creating a beautiful, appealing quilt (2024)	Sue Wilson, Linda Pote, Fran S, Sue D, Arlene B, Dottie W
Raffle Quilt Sales Committee for working so hard to organize and handle ticket sales	Peg G., Fran S., Jackie M
2026 Raffle Quilt Construction Committee – working together to create a beautiful masterpiece to raffle in 2026	Cindy H, Ann S, Ruthe P, Dottie W, Mary Sue N, Linda P, Peg G
Quilt Show Committee – Way too much to be thankful for here 😊	Gail M., Ann S, Cindy H, Karen T, Lyn C, Janet W& volunteers
CORE – hard work and dedication getting LQG in front of the public with different programs & ideas	Jan EB
Newsletter – for being so very easy-going and a pleasure to work with & creating a great newsletter	Jan B
Project of the Month (for quilt show) for great ideas for boutique items	Sue Wilson, Carole T., Patti L., Sharon C.
Charity Committee for helping us fulfill our Mission by prepping, tracking & delivering donated items	Janet W, Patti L, Cheryl N, Cathy S, Marie M, Peg G, Carole T, June S, Nadine S
Ways & Means for marketing our goods in such a way we are increasing our treasury	June S, Cathy F and helpers
Program Committee – for all the fun times – and I even learned something occasionally too 😊	Flo H, Ann S, Marie M, Jackie M, Cheryl N, Arlene B, Judy E
Retreat- best “no frills” retreat!! Got a lot done 😊	Veronica C, Bev S
Monthly meeting activities – fun stuff to stretch our skills	Kari S
Hospitality – always planning good food and good times 😊	Kari S, Sue D
Bee Artful – New Bee – Exciting!!!	Judy E, Lyn C
Sunshine Committee – who doesn't love to know they are being thought of by friends!	Ruthe P.
People willing to help move our Program supplies, Ways & Means & Charity supplies in the storage unit – sometimes at risk of personal peril 😊	June S, Patti L, Marie M, Ann S, Flo H, Jackie M, Janet W, Veronica C, Bev S, Cathy F, Jan E-B and others

LAKE QUILTERS GUILD 2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

This form is used for both new and renewing members

Dues: \$30 for full membership; \$20 for at-large membership (for individuals interested in LQG but unable to attend meetings; includes ability to take workshops and join bees). Dues are ½ price after July 1.

Please make checks payable to LAKE QUILTERS GUILD and mail to:

Ms. Beverly Seaver, 3310 Lakewood Forest Road, Moneta VA 24121

Name _____

Phone _____ Birthday ____ (month) ____ (day)

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Renewal Membership _____ At-Large Membership _____ New Membership _____

Please answer the following:

- 1) What suggestions do you have for the Guild leadership team?
- 2) What types of programs/workshops would you like the Guild to offer?
- 3) Are you available to teach a workshop or provide a program for the Guild? If yes, please describe.
- 4) Are you interested in a leadership position or in serving on a committee? Check all that are of interest.

Charity	Beekeeper	Challenge	Block of the Month
Hospitality	Newsletter	Nominations	Programs
Sunshine	Ways & Means	Publicity/Website/Social Media	President Elect
Retreat	Membership	C.O.R.E.	President
Photographer	Quilt Show	Raffle Quilt Construction	Raffle Quilt Sales
Finance	Board Secretary		
- 5) Do you belong to one of the Bees? If not, are you interested in joining a Bee?
- 6) Additional Comments and Suggestions – (please continue back, if needed)

Thanks for being part of the Lake Quilters Guild at Smith Mountain Lake!

Membership Only:

Date Rec'd _____ *Check #* _____ *Cash* _____

LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 5, 2024

ATTENDEES:

- Joy Shannahan - President
- Fran Strumph – Secretary
- Judy Edgeworth – Bee Keeper
- Janet Webster – Publicity, Charity
- Flo Hayes – Programs
- Arlene Blackburn – President-elect

Meeting was called to order at 1 pm.

President's Report – Joy

- Peaks and Pieces Guild has graciously invited our guild to a lecture on curved piecing on November 12.
- Report on the Water Authority:
 - We are confirmed through February 2025, although our January meeting will be at held at the Moneta library.
- We are waiting to hear about availability through the rest of 2025.
- Arlene proposed that the guild participate in a zoom quilter's seminar weekend (May 3-4, 2025, for \$100 for all of guild). Each member will get a code that they can take the classes from 18 instructors for the weekend. Classes are available for 72 hours afterwards. Fran made a motion to purchase this seminar, it was seconded. Amount will be paid in January.
- November business meeting – the secretary's position is open, as is publicity and Patti's job in Charity. We will ask for nominations from the floor. Veronica and Bev will continue organizing the retreat.
- At the business meeting, Joy will discuss the results of the strategy sessions in January.
- Joy reminded us that the guild will now have to raise 1/3 of its funds from the general public. We may have a raffle later in the year.

Secretary's Report – None

Treasurer's Report – Veronica (not present)

- SMAC dues paid for 2025.
- Budget requests need to come in (to Veronica) very soon.

Charity Report – Janet

- We have lots of ornaments (need more) and stockings.
- Toiletry items collected previously by Stitch & Chat Bee were donated to Bedford Hospice, which was very glad to get them.

Quilt Show 2026

- Laura Cox has volunteered to chair the show.
- Karen Taylor and Laura will meet with Eastlake church in December.

Newsletter – Jan absent

- Ginger Brothers (with Jan E-B as a back-up) will do the newsletter in 2025.
- There will be no newsletter in December.
- We will move the ads out of the newsletter and move them to the website. We will do away with the \$5 advertising fee, allow businesses to have a business-card sized ad that is changed once a year. Businesses will be able to have a link on their ad directly to their own websites. Janet will need the ads by January 2. Arlene made a motion for us to do this, Flo seconded, motion passed.

Membership – Bev absent

- We have 82 members.
- We will keep membership fees at \$30 for members and \$20 for at large members. Joy made a motion to accept the fees, and Judy seconded, the motion passed.
- The membership form was approved.

Programs – Flo

- Upcoming programs:
- January – tech meeting to introduce members to online quilting classes and techniques. There will be a nametag activity; all should bring a nametag
- February - Charity sew-in – tentatively for pet items.
- March – Color Program by Arlene
- April – tentatively, Julia from Quilt-off
- May – Charity speaker at meeting
- June – clothesline bowls, then program by Judy
- July – Fellowship sew-in, Judy will be available to help any interested in making rugs.
- August – Alcohol Ink workshop and program
- September – Paula Golden
- October – Melissa from Fork Mountain
- November – Quilts of Honor, Annual business meeting
- December - luncheon

CORE – Jan E-B absent

- Moneta library quilt show – March and April
- Library craft show March 8, more information to come.
- There is a tentative schedule for 2025, requesting \$900 budget.

Publicity - Janet

- Need a volunteer to fill this spot.
- Website – we need more space, have 1.5G now, need to go to 5G (the next level). One year cost: \$155.40, two years - \$238.80. A motion was made to purchase two years by Flo, Arlene seconded, motion passed.
- We agreed to archive 2006-2019 newsletters to free up some space.
- Janet will purchase an external hard drive.

President-elect – none

Challenge - none

- Retreat – Beverly absent
- Bev and Veronica will chair the retreat for 2025.
 - 2024 retreat was very successful and a great, productive time was had by all.

Bees – none

- Ways and Means – June absent
- \$55 raised at October meeting.
 - Sewing machine sold, still looking for a buyer for the serger.
 - Cathy and June welcome donations. You do not need to pre-price.

- Hospitality – Kari/Sue absent
- There will be sign ups at November meeting for the December luncheon.
 - Lunch is at 12:00, with challenge quilts there by 11:15 at the latest.

- Nominating – Joy
- Still have a few positions open: Secretary, Publicity, Charity
 - Dottie Wilson will do the officer installation in December.

- Raffle Quilt (2026) construction committee – Joy
- This committee is working steadily on a beautiful Judy Niemeyer quilt.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.



***STILL WANTING*– Fun-loving and Friendly,
LQG QUILT LOVERS to fill the following positions:**

**Publicity Chair(s)
Charity Co-Chair (Patti’s job)
Secretary**

*See Nominating Committee Member (Joy, Jan B, Bev, Peg or Arlene)
for more information or to volunteer. Your Guild thanks you!*

C.O.R.E. 2024 Lake Quilters Guild

Community **O**ut **R**each Explorations

Please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers at scooter_brandy@hotmail.com if you have ideas for 2025.



November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Board Meeting 1:00-3:00 Library		10:00 am Bee Artful Quilters		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		1-4 PM STITCH & CHAT BEE		10 AM -2 PM KEPT IN STITCHES BEE		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
2-5 PM WORKER BEE	Quilts of Honor 9:00 – 4:00 Bedford Water Authority	Quilts of Honor 9:00 – 12:00 1:00 – 3:00 Quilt Guild Business Meeting Bedford Water Authority				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		1 PM RIVER QUEEN BEE				



December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Board Meeting 1:00-4:00		10:00 am Bee Artful Quilters		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		1-4 PM STITCH & CHAT BEE		10 AM -2 PM KEPT IN STITCHES BEE	RIVER QUEEN BEE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2-5 PM WORKER BEE		Guild Christmas Party Challenge quilts need to be submitted by 11:15. Lunch will be served at noon.				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



December Birthdays

2024 CHALLENGE

2024 Challenge is a 14"X14" wall hanging or a 14"X14" pillow in colors from the piece of candy you have taken from the "Guild Challenge Candy Bag". **Two or more colors from the wrapper must be used** and any other colors you may want to include. One entry per person.

This must be completed by the Dec. luncheon and submitted by **11:15**. Voting will begin at **11:45**.

Contact Sharon Cullen
(SharonKCullen@gmail.com) with any questions.

It gives us joy to wish these friends a very happy birthday!!

Amanda Arnold	December 14
Jan Emerick-Brothers	December 16
Janet Webster	December 17
Laura Cox	December 25
Helen Buchanan	December 30
Kari Sebens	December 31
Sue Utterback	December 31



Sunshine Update

Keep your fellow members in mind for any reason and request a guild card either by texting or phoning Ruthe at 203-645-7030 or emailing her at rploskunyak@outlook.com We all like to be remembered.

In October we sent a card to Cathy Fandel following her auto accident.



Ways and Means

We had several great donations to Ways and Means last month. Two wooden wall quilt hangers are now for sale!! One measures 60" and the other measures 52" and both are priced to sell at \$10 each.

So, look around, measure your quilts if you are interested in the quilt hangers, and prepare to shop for these and other new items.

Don't forget your cash or your checkbook. It's your last chance to shop until January so we will be setting up early on Tuesday the 19th.

And, as always, thank you for your generous support of Ways and Means.



CHARITY REPORT

November 2024

Patti Lively and Janet Webster

There's still time to donate stockings and ornaments – drop them off at the November guild meeting. There are lots of free patterns available online.

Items donated at the October Guild Meeting:

- 3 Fidget Quilts
- 84 Ornaments

The following items were delivered in October

- 25 Bags of Hope along with miscellaneous hygiene products

***When you finish a quilt top & are almost ready to donate it, please check to be sure your seams are pressed, and threads are trimmed.

Also, if you have backing material, please include it with the quilt top****.

*Thanks for your continued support of the LQG Charity Efforts
LQG Charity Committee*

Communications Corner – November 2024

Janet L. Webster

Hi Quilters! One more chance to donate those holiday ornaments and stockings!! Ornaments and stockings will be collected at the November meeting.

Time to start planning for next year - here's a few quilt shows to consider:

Mancuso Quiltfest Virtual School House – January 22 – 25, 2025

Put on the tea, get comfortable in your PJs and slippers, and join us for another in the Virtual Schoolhouse series. Please note the workshops and lectures presented for QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse are live on Zoom and not recorded. [Workshop Catalog](#)

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-2/>

American Quilters Society (AQS) Quilt Shows

<https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/homepage>

- February 19-22 Daytona Beach, FL 2025
- March 12-15 Branson, MS 2025
- April 23-26 Paducah, KY 2025
- August 20-23 Grand Rapids, MI 2025
- September 10-13 Lancaster, PA 2025

Mancuso Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton Roads, VA February 27 – March 2

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/>

- February 27-March 2 Hampton, VA Quilt Festival
- March 26-29 Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse #11
- September 11-14 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Oaks, PA

Programs

November

November 18 **Monday** **9 :00 – 4:00 pm (Program)**
November 19 **Tuesday** **9:00 – 12:00 (Program)**
 1:00 – 3:00 (Meeting)
 Bedford Water Authority

Program: Quilts of Honor – Join the fun and become a part of a team or work on your own if you so desire. We have 2 patterns picked out (you or your team can choose either pattern) which will be distributed the day of the workshop for those who want to work as a team to complete a Quilt of Honor. You may also work on your own Quilt of Honor project.

We will have some material available but if you have any plain or printed red, white, or blue (flag colors) material or printed fabric suitable for a Quilts of Honor you would like to donate, please bring it on the day of the event. Come, have fun, and enjoy a day of working together with like-minded folks.
No Cost for this project.

December

December 17 **Tuesday LQG** **Luncheon** (see page 13)

January

SPECIAL NOTE:

For the January Meeting Icebreaker, **please bring a NAME TAG (with YOUR name on it)**. It doesn't matter if it is your name tag from the Guild, your gardening club, work, or a recent retreat...just bring a name tag. We have a fun "mixer" planned for the first 10 minutes of our meeting.

January 21, 2025 **Tuesday** **1:00 – 4:00 pm (Program)**
 Moneta Public Library
 Presenter: Jennifer Golston (Librarian)

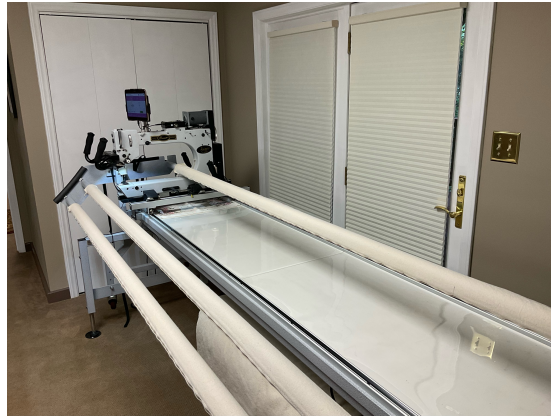
Program: Using Technology to Open Up Our Quilting World

January's program is a **HANDS ON** Workshop! Bring your phone, iPad, tablet, or laptop computer (preferable) instead of your sewing machine. If you don't have any of these, still plan to come. There will be something for everyone to learn. This presentation and quick workshop is going to give you the "tech tools" to access a whole new world of quilting know-how. The guild has some big plans in using this technology in programs and through CORE in 2025 and we want to share with you the tools and the freedom to use technology as an individual or with a quilting friend in your own studio, in your Bees, and with the guild as a whole. We promise this won't hurt. It will be fun, lighthearted, and enlightening for everyone. Come join in the fun! We have experts to help troubleshoot any issues that may come up. *HINT: Make sure your phone, or table, or phone instead of your sewing tablet or computer is fully charged up.*

February

Program: Feb. 17 and 18 will be Charity Sewing at the Water Authority from 9 am to 4 pm. More info will be provided in January Newsletter.

For Sale



For sale: Gammill Vision 2.0 Hand Guided Longarm. Purchased October 2014. Used only for personal quilting. Has hydraulic height adjustment, over 50 pantographs and much more. \$6,000. Contact Kate Holdgreve @540-521-1628 or email kdholdgreve@gmail.com.

Did you know?

As a member of our Guild, you may place a For Sale ad in our monthly newsletter for your quilt or craft related hardware.

Ads are free to members and will appear in the newsletter for three months but can be renewed upon request. You may include a photo.

Lake Quilters Guild – Newsletter Survey

October 28 – November 10, 2024

- 1) What segment(s) of the newsletter are **most important/relevant** to you? Please check all that apply. **Multiple choice – 30 responses**

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Number</u>
Calendar	27
A Word from The President	20
Board Meeting Minutes	20
Charity Report	16
Communications Report	14
Challenge Information	12
CORE Activities	12
Sunshine Update	12
Bee Buzz News	11
Ways & Means	11
Ads	5
Birthdays	4

- 2) What segment(s) of the newsletter are **least important/relevant** to you? Please check all that apply. **Multiple choice – 28 responses**

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Number</u>
Ads	20
Birthdays	15
Bee Buzz News	13
Challenge Information	6
Ways & Means	6
Board Meeting Minutes	4
Communications Report	4
A Word from The President	4
CORE Activities	3
Sunshine Update	3
Charity Report	2
Calendar	1

3) What is missing from the newsletter that would be helpful to guild members?

Essay – 9 answered

It's a good newsletter with all the information I need. I don't see a need for any changes.

Programs were not listed on the selections. They are important in 3 month segments for planning purposes! I would like to see a section where the members share tricks and time savers. I would also like a history section that includes guild history as well as quilt history.

An info blurb on one of the committees each month. This will encourage new and existing members to get involved with a committee that they are interested in.

I think it's amazing- all the info is relevant. Thank you so much for putting so much into it! I know it takes a lot of time and thought to produce it.

Info/supplies for workshops and programs Info on local quilt events/exhibitions Semi-annual member contact info

Meet the member articles

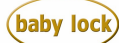
I would remove everything from the newsletter that isn't real "news" (like information on the Bees unless there is something notable to report). Program information is vital (though it wasn't listed as an option to vote on) as well as a page on locations (especially if they change month to month).

Project ideas

Detailed financial report quarterly



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Shop the other half of our store to find homemade bakery items made here in our kitchen with time tried recipes. Don't forget to show your material purchase card. You receive one punch for every \$20 worth of fabric in one visit.

Time for pumpkin and apple pies, pumpkin rolls, and gingerbread!!