

Lake Quilters News

April 2026

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

INSPIRATION

As I was pondering on a topic for this month's Newsletter, I thought inspiration would be a good idea.

My old 1964 Webster's dictionary states: inspiration is any stimulus to creative thought or action. What a perfect definition of quilters. What inspires you to create? We constantly look for ideas to inspire us for our next quilt. Whether it is color, design, or something in nature that inspires us, we work diligently to make it happen. We spend many hours planning, choosing fabric, cutting, sewing, and finally quilting our project.

Often, we make quilts for loved ones, friends, ourselves, or for charity. Each quilt many times is a reflection of our inner selves or character.

Are we patient? It certainly takes patience to create a quilt. Are we kind? Certainly making a quilt is an act of kindness. Are we grateful? Yes, we are grateful that we have the skills to accomplish our finished creation.

We may never get recognition or a ribbon for our quilts, but we definitely have a sense of awe when we finish the quilt and present it to someone. So give yourself a pat on the back when you have inspired someone else.

To Be Happier Each Day: Celebrate Another's Joy

When someone shares something positive with us, we express excitement and joy for them. This practice is mutually beneficial not just for us, but for them too. Joy multiplies when we share it. So, today share your Joy with someone

- Judy

April 2026 Meeting is on April 21, 2026 from 1p-3p at Resurrection Catholic Church Workshop April 21 9am to noon details below

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](#).

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9.00 am sign in. 1st demo at 9:30. Will go to noon

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Calendar and Programs

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Attendees will be given a file folder to keep papers in and make notes. Bring a pen or pencil to write your notes.

PROGRAM - A Fun Surprise. Prizes involved

The Boutique committee will be collecting donation items for a half hour before the guild meeting Tuesday 4/21, and at each guild meeting through June. Please label items or your container with your name, description and suggested price so we give you recognition for your unique items. We welcome your questions. Thank you.



Quilt show committee heads(or a volunteer) to meet at the Moneta Library big meeting room with Laura Cox at 12:30 PM on Monday, April 13

May 18-19, 2026

MAY 18 Workshop at Moneta Library is IMPROV CURVES
The cost of this Workshop will be \$32.00 each
9.00 am sign in and get started by 9.30

This is a method perfected by Cindy Grisdela. She has put this method into a digital format and your \$32.00 buys you a lifetime access to the digital format. You must have an email account to take advantage of this offer.

Once the order has been sent, participants will receive a code to access the videos.

You may work on this project on your own or choose to join us at Moneta Library to work as a group. We will have a facilitator or two at the workshop to help as needed.

If you plan to come to the library, bring your machine and necessary sewing supplies. As usual, Irons, ironing boards and cutting boards will be provided by the guild.

May 19 Workshop continued if needed 930 am to noon

May 19 PROGRAM TBA

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

-Save the Date: Sign up Now!

Lyn Coleman will be leading an Accidental Landscape Postcard instruction session at the SML/Moneta Library on Thursday, May 7, 2026, starting at 5:00 PM. To register, please call the library at 540-425-1410 or visit in person to sign up.

As always, if you have ideas for future events, please reach out to me at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

Survey Results

We recently asked: "Do you clean or hydrate your cutting mats, and how often?"

- 2 members said yes
- 10 members said no
- 2 members had questions
- 1 member sands their mat to smooth it
- 1 member hydrates their mat

Pro-Tip: Hydrating Your Mat

Sue Whitney has shared a recipe for hydrating your cutting mat:

Place your mat in a tub with a mixture of warm water and 1/4 cup of white vinegar per gallon. Soak for 20–30 minutes, then lay flat on towels to dry.

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

Thank you all for supporting our quilt of honor activities. Just to give you an update which includes quilt tops made in November and February. We donated/gave four QOH this year. We have an additional 11 complete. We have 9 in/ready for longarming and binding. We have 5 kits with members and 3 kits available at the March guild meeting. This totals 32 QOH given, in process, or available as kits. Amazing results.

In March Lyn Coleman led a workshop to make quilt hugs. The approaches taken by the members were very different, ranging from scrapped to single pieces. The undersides were also a range of fabrics including fleece, flannel, and minky. Everyone agreed that this is something we should offer.

This month, we delivered fidget and lap quilts to Carillion Clinic Hospice in Rocky Mount and pet beds to Franklin Humane Society.

Through reviewing our current inventory and our open requests, we continue to need fidget quilts. We deliver as soon as we receive. We welcome donations of everything! As a reminder, we have backing and batting so all we need are tops (and bindings).

Reminder on May 20th at 1pm and June 10th at 3pm we will have a fidget quilt working gathering, at Moneta Library. 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.

This month we received a donation from Cathy Scott. The donation included Christmas fabric and notions (we'll use for fidget quilts).

WAYS and MEANS

April is a "SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP" day for Ways and Means!!

We will be setting up early and bringing everything our cars will hold. There will be time to shop between demonstrations and we have lots of new fabrics, rulers and notions.

If you haven't joined the UFO Challenge yet, this may be the month, as we have lots of new UFO's to tempt you.

See you Tuesday, June and Cathy

2026 Challenge

The 2026 Challenge is based on the song "My Country Tis of Thee". This song celebrates liberty, freedom, and the concept of being proud to be an American.

For this challenge, you are to make a quilt portraying what fascinates or intrigues you about America through the last 250 years. Your ideas for the quilt can depict patriotic themes, historical figures, landmarks, or iconic symbols. It can also represent freedom of speech, freedom to vote, freedom of religion or family heritage,

Attach to your quilt a short note on why you chose the topic for your quilt.

After doing more research, the largest size for this Challenge Quilt will be 45" x 60" (lap quilt size). From what I have read, the average size for a lap quilt to use with a wheelchair is 30" x 42". Wall hangings can be all sizes. To make it easy, I know there are a lot of different numbers on the internet, I am going to limit the size for this year's Challenge quilts from 24" x 24" (wall) to 45" x 60". Anything in between these two dimensions will be acceptable. Have fun!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Jan Brockman, at jmbquilt2024@gmail.com.

April 2026 LQG Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026 1:00 Vinny's

Meeting brought to order by President Judy Edgeworth

Attendees

· Judy Edgeworth - President · Lyn Coleman – Secretary · Arlene Blackburn – Advisor/Past President · Laura Cox – 2026 Quilt Show/President Elect · Jan Emerick-Brothers – Beekeeper/CORE · Bev Seaver – Charity · Janet Webster – Web · Flo Hayes – Program · Cindy Regan - Membership

President –

- Judy announced that the next several months' board meetings are scheduled for the Moneta Library.**
- The speaker-gift scissors are in, and Karen and Lyn will make scissor fob charms.**
- There was discussion regarding SMAC coordination, including their request for someone to hold sewing sessions at the Youth Camp an hour every day for two weeks. We should counter with a suggestion to provide one longer session. Laura volunteered to talk to SMAC about more coordination for marketing and our name on signage. Laura is looking for volunteers for the SMAC events to sell raffle quilt tickets 4/18, 5/16, 6/20.**

No Treasurer's report.

Programs –

- It was decided that at the May board meeting, members will come prepared with three suggestions for the criteria for selecting recipients for the Fall 2027 Quilts of Honor, which will be discussed and formalized by the board.**
- Flo reminded that registration for the Round Robin workshop 4/21 will begin at 9:00 am, and the Round Robin demonstrations will begin at 9:30. The program at 1:00 will be Bingo, with winners receiving tokens to shop at the Ways and Means. There have also been requests for Laura to explain the sleeve requirement for quilts entered in the show.**
- The virtual Improv Curves class by Cindy Grisdela for the May workshop will be \$32/person through Spark classes, will last for lifetime access, and will be held at the Moneta Library on Monday, May 18, 9-3:30, and continuing the morning of May 19 if needed. The class will be broken into sections totaling 55 minutes with time to try the techniques between each session. The Library space will accommodate 10-12 people to take the class together, but access info will be provided to others who pay if they wish to work from home. There will be a supply sheet provided in advance, and includes a free e-book valued at \$23. There is a minimum of 10 attendees. Sign-ups and payment at the April guild meeting, along with plan to join the group at the Library or work from home.**

BeeKeeper/CORE – No news

Membership – Cindy announced one renewal, for a total of 71 members.

Charity – Bev indicated that Charity’s current main request is for fidget quilts, so a fidget design meeting/workshop would be valuable.

Ways and Means – Cathy will be GREATLY missed when she moves soon to Tennessee. A replacement is needed, and that individual can plan to streamline the W&M sales by perhaps limiting it to the half hour prior to the meeting, then packing up while there is help.

2026 Quilt Show –

- **Laura announced there is an all Quilt Show committees meeting scheduled for Monday 4/13.**
- **The board discussed that the Admissions policy will be \$10 paid only once for members for multiple days, just like the last show.**
- **There are 14 vendors.**
- **Some signs are ready and a floorplan is designed.**
- **The Town of Rocky Mount decided they will purchase the programs for the Show as their contribution.**
- **A photographer is available and onboard.**
- **The attendees will vote for Viewer’s Choice on a pre-printed business card size ballot, and small pencils will be available.**

Judy adjourned the meeting at 3:24.

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

Laura Cox will demonstrate this method of adding a sleeve to the back of a quilt at the general meeting in April. Here is a video link for reference for anyone to use. <https://youtu.be/bF81VRK4ilw>



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