

Lake Quilters News

January 2026

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January is traditionally a time of Review and Resolution, so let's look back at a few of the great things accomplished in 2025.

In 2025, our Charity committee reports well over 600 items were made. Special thanks also to all of our longarm quilters for their service. Ways and Means contributed over \$6000.00 to our Treasure thanks to Cathy and June. The Programs committee kept us busy learning new skills and honing old ones. This year, we will continue with exciting programs planned by Flo and her committee. A spectacular raffle quilt has been created and ticket sales have begun. Laura and the quilt show committees plans and ideas are underway for a successful 2026 show. The December challenge showed the creativity and talent of our members. Thanks to all that contributed and congratulations to the winners.

The Christmas luncheon, as usual, ended our year with delicious dishes and fellowship.

As we begin our new year together, Resolve to get involved this year. Be willing to share your time and talents. Working together, we can make 2026 another banner year.

Simple ways to be happier everyday: Seek Out Awe. Awe is a powerful emotion we feel when we encounter something vast, complex, or beyond what we normally experience. Awe makes us feel more connected and makes us and our worries seem small, but in a good way. Awe is not hard to find, if you know where to look and the mindset to be in. Nature is an endless source of awe, but so are inspiring people to perform acts of kindness or courage.

Happy prosperous and healthy New Year everyone

- Judy

**January 2026 Meeting is on
January 20, 2026 from 1p-3p
at Resurrection Catholic
Church**

**President: Judy Edgeworth
Membership Chair: Cindy Regan
Program Chair: Flo Hayes
Secretary: Lyn Coleman
Treasurer: Veronica Church
Publicity: Marsha Melkonian
WebMaster: Janet Webster
Editor – Marsha Melkonian**

**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.

**Welcome to our newest members, Ada
Coleman, the 9 year old granddaughter of
Lyn Coleman, Mary Novakovski, who lives
in South Carolina, and Susan Lopp-who
lives locally.**

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

Calendar and Programs

January 20, 2026

General Meeting held from 1p - 3p at the Resurrection Catholic Church, 15353 Moneta Rd., Rt 122, in the lower level.

Judy Edgeworth, our new president, will talk about plans for the guild in 2026.

Laura Cox will discuss the Quilt Show. Note that the Entry form is available on the website.

Boutique Chairperson will discuss suggestions and needs for the Quilt Show Boutique.

Challenge Chairperson will discuss the 2026 Challenge.

Feb 16 and 17, 2026

Workshop and General Meeting held at Saunders Firehouse.

Workshop -

Monday Feb 16, 2026

Quilts of Honor

9:30am to 3:30pm

Tuesday Feb 17 -

Continued Quilts of Honor Sewing

9:30am to Noon

Program meeting -

Tuesday Feb 17, 2026 1pm to 3pm

Presentation of Quilts to members of our community, Ed Crawford and Henry Fisher.

Their families will be invited and we will have our annual cake reception celebrating our Quilt Guild as well as these deserving men.

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.



January 2026 LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2026 1pm Moneta Library

Attendees

Judy Edgeworth - President ·	Cindy Regan, Membership
Lyn Coleman – Secretary ·	Ann Hoar and Mary Colby , Charity
Veronica Church - Treasurer ·	Cathy Fandel – Ways and Means
Arlene Blackburn – Advisor/Past President ·	Flo Hayes, Programs
Laura Cox – 2026 Quilt Show/President Elect ·	Janet Webster, Web
Jan Emerick-Brothers – Beekeeper/CORE ·	Marsha Melkonian, Publicity

Meeting brought to order by President Judy Edgeworth

President's Old Business – Judy indicated that the guild would like more sign-ups for committees.

New Business:n/a

President – Judy introduced and Janet reported on the inurement clause of LQG By-Laws. There is an interpretation that the Board can approve compensation for Guild members who teach a workshop. After discussion, Jan E-B made a motion that:

Guild members, including non-voting (non-executive) Board members, may be compensated for the service of teaching a Workshop, holding to the requirement that a Workshop is self-funded (attendees' fees cover the full amount), and holding to the policy that Programs are funded by the Guild within the program budget. It is noted that there is no need to change the By-Laws. Also noted that the Executive Board (voting members) are prevented from receiving financial compensation. Motion seconded by Veronica, carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer – Veronica will continue as Treasurer with caveat that she now has a full-time job and will occasionally need to attend a board meeting virtually. Flo made a motion to extend Veronica's position as Treasurer for another two-year term, Cindy seconded, vote carried unanimously.

[Janet reported that an annual financial review should be posted in the newsletter or announced verbally at a Guild meeting to let the membership know. Last year's review was carried out in March, so March 2026 will be the next one.]

Veronica provided copies and reviewed the 2026 Guild budget with no changes. She provided the October Treasurer's Report which was not available from the bank at the last board meeting. There was an ending balance of \$23,296.12. Veronica provided the November Treasurer's Report. There was a balance of \$23,296.12, with an available balance of \$18,341.26 after the 4H Center invoices for the retreat. Veronica will provide the Final Actual vs Budget Report for 2025 next month.

Jan E-B indicated that the Saunders Fire Hall is available in February and June, with a continued fee of \$75, for which Veronica will provide checks.

The contract for use of Resurrection Catholic Church is pending; Veronica sent a copy of Guild insurance certificate and will follow-up with firming the commitment. Rubber stamp for quilt label is still on hold.

2026 Quilt Show – Laura indicated that 46 members have picked up ticket packets for the raffle quilt, which gives a \$ gain on the project of \$225. Marsha volunteered to take a poster and raffle tickets to Fork Mountain. In committee news, the Registration/Entry form is available on the website, which can be downloaded and printed, or filled out online. Registration is due in April. The Committee will go to the HS to measure the space for a potential layout, including space for vendors. The vendor fee was \$50 last show, but will be raised for the

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2026 show to \$75 for a 10x10 area, with \$100 for a corner area. Flo will have the vendor contract ready by March, and requested some sample contracts from Arlene and Veronica. Flo also indicated that they could use more members on the committee. Laura discussed the Quilt Show signage available that can be edited with 2026 information. She plans to buy three more banners for Rocky Mount area. Laura also showed the Show ribbons she has finished. She plans to have a large table area at the exit to include Membership and Charity.

Publicity – Marsha has prepared a timeline of contacts. Planned publicity: the VA Register is \$145, Karin Tauber has wide contacts and is especially helpful broadcasting our Show information, so \$50 is appropriate. Plans also include the VA Quilt Consortium (VCQ), as well as the Laker Magazine and Franklin Post.

BeeKeeper/CORE – Jan E-B reported that the schedule for Bee displays at meetings is arranged, and she provided a CORE schedule.

Programs – Flo disseminated the program/workshop schedule for 2026. It was discussed that fees for invited attendees will be the same as for LQG members. It was agreed that six weeks before a scheduled event, if there are openings to fill a workshop, that's when other guilds will be invited to fill a vacant spot. For instance, two weeks after our March Guild meeting, any vacant spots for the May Fearless Improv Curves Workshop will be opened to non-members.

Membership – Cindy indicated that we had three new members in December, two at-large and one full membership. The complete membership list is typically provided to the Guild members in March.

Charity – Ann and Mary reported that they prepared an abundance of kits, ready for the February Quilts of Honor workshop. They also discussed a potential new project – quilted hugs that are made to drape over an individual's shoulders. They will work on the pattern and process, which potentially can be presented as a workshop the morning of the March Guild meeting to coincide with the program on Wearable Quilts.

Ways and Means – Cathy shared that someone donated a small box with jewelry which she will hold up at the January meeting to see if someone donated by mistake.

June and Cathy came up with a Ways and Means Challenge. If a member purchases a UFO and completes it, she will be entered into a drawing to be held at the December holiday get-together. As many entries as wanted, the UFO may be finished in any creative way of any size, and the drawing will be for a Fork Mountain gift certificate for \$100. Judy made a motion to double the Ways and Means budget to \$200, Veronica seconded, carried unanimously. Cathy also requested that a guild member stay available until the end of packing up to help in closing. She will make a request for a volunteer at each meeting when she presents the sale item of the day.

A letter requesting monetary donations for the SML Good Neighbors was discussed, but the consensus was that we already do many charitable donations of our quilted items.

Arlene thanked everyone for the outgoing President gift.

And the 2026 Challenge was read by Marsha, My Country Tis of Thee, the theme can be anything through the last 250 years. No larger than lap size, one entry per person.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 2:59.

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.

March 12, 2026 Thursday 5 pm to close. Repeat from November (as requested by library patrons) of charm pack patchwork tote.

March 21 and 22, 2026. All day Saturday and Sunday. Commuter retreat. At present this will be a daytime retreat for those interested in sewing with fellow guild members and the public who are interested in expanding their skills. It is possible that there may be instructions for either an animal face or quilt jacket construction, but this has not yet been confirmed.

If you have any questions concerning CORE events, or have ideas to be included, please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers by email at janebsingsnsews@gmail.com.

BEE INFORMATION

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.

Here is the BEE display Schedule for 2026

March- River Queen BEE

May- Be Artful BEE

July- Worker BEE

September- Stitch-n-Chat BEE

November- Kept in Stitches BEE

Charity and Fundraising

Charity Report

Thanks to everyone!!!

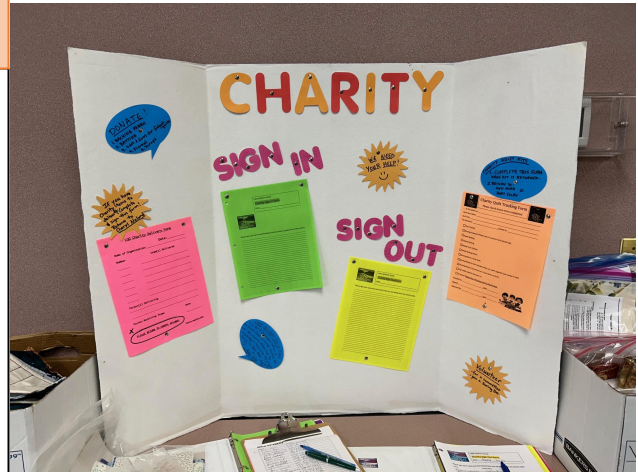
We ended up delivering 657 items during 2025. This included quilts, NICU hearts, pillowcases, walker bags, fidget quilts, marble mazes, table toppers, placemats, pet beds, stuff owls, flannel blankets, Christmas stockings and ornaments.

February 16th and 17th, we will have a sew in to make more quilts of honor to add to those worked in November. Kits will be provided. Based on feedback, many will be precut and just need sewing. Several have panels, and others will require sub-cutting. We are targeting having 30 quilts of honor made in 2026.

Through reviewing our current inventory and our open requests; fidget quilts and stuffed bears are needed. We welcome donations of everything! So as the winter keeps you indoors feel free to create!

As a reminder, we have backing and batting so all we need are tops (and bindings).

Mary Colby and Ann Hoar
Charity Co-chairs



Survey Says . . .

SURVEY SEZ

How often do you get your scissors sharpened?

Guild members report:

1 Yearly

4 When dull

20 Never with 1 comment that they buy new ones!

Ways and Means

Are you ready for a Ways and Means UFO Challenge?

Purchase (at a very reasonable price!!) a UFO from the Ways and Means table, complete it and have your name entered to win a \$100 gift certificate from Fork Mountain Quilting.

Do you have to make what the original quilter intended? Absolutely NOT!

Pieces for a quilt top could become a pillow top, a half finished purse would make a journal cover or pin cushion, orphan blocks could become a wall hanging or table runner.

Use your imagination and creativity to create your own one of a kind project. Make it for yourself or perhaps make something for the Quilt Show Boutique.

Each completed project gets your name in the drawing so think about doing more than one. UFO's will be available every month throughout 2026. We will draw the winner's name at the December social.

Good Luck and Happy Sewing,
June and Cathy