

Lake Quilters News

January 2025

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Welcome to a fun new year of learning and community with the Smith Mountain Lake Quilters Guild. I am excited to see all of the wonderful things we are going to do this year. From great programs, instructors, projects, and so many opportunities to be together, our guild (and bees) will hopefully be your source of inspiration all year long. After our first Board meeting of the year, I came away with the feeling of absolute positivity from our officers. I am surrounded by a true team of talent and fresh ideas. Our hope is that if you have an idea, suggestion, or comment, you will share them with one (or all) of us and let's see what we need to do to "make it happen." I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the January meeting and kicking off this year with a very helpful program. Thank you for letting me serve you as your 2025 Guild President. Now...back to the sewing room,

~Arlene

**January Meeting is on
January 21, 2024 from 1p-3p
at SML/ Moneta Library**

OFFICERS 2025

President: Arlene Blackburn
Membership Chair: Bev Seaver
Program Chair: Flo Hayes
Secretary: Fran Strumph
Treasurer: Veronica Church
Publicity/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 ybrother88@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.

Membership is open! Remember to update your membership by **Feb. 1, 2025** - Click on [2025 Membership Form](#) to print and fill out your membership information. Updated membership list will be provided once membership has been processed.



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Calendar and Programs

January 2025		Guild Meeting at Moneta Library 13641 Moneta Rd, Moneta VA 24121				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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05	06	07 • LQG Board Meeting 1p-3p	08	09 • Bee Artful Bee @ 10a	10	11
12	13	14 • Stitch and Chat 1p-4p	15	16 • Kept in Stitches Bee 10a-2p	17	18
19 • Worker Bee 2p-5p	20	21 • Guild Meeting 1p-3p	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 • River Queen Bee 1p-3p	29	30	31	

January Program

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.

Presenters:

Jenifer Golsten and Arlene Blackburn

You will need:

1. Your **laptop, tablet or phone** to take part in and learn how to use this valuable asset.
 - Your **device** needs to be able to connect to the **internet**
 - **Charge your device before the meeting.**
2. **Bring a nametag** (any nametag with your name on it)

Calendar and Programs

February 2025

Guild Meeting at Water Authority 1500 Radford Church Rd, Moneta, VA 24121

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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♥ February 17th and 18th, 2025 ♥

The February program and meeting will be held at the Water Authority at over two days. It is our 34th Anniversary and we will be having cake. We will be completing our Charity Sew In with a focus on pet beds.

If the location for our program/meeting changes we will update you as soon as possible. Be sure to check all of your mailboxes!

You will need:

1. Your sewing machine
2. Sewing supplies.
3. Any scraps, scrap batting and stray threads that you have collected (in bags) to the meeting.
 - **Please check your scraps have no metal or paper scraps before we use them.**

We donated **519** items as a Guild last year, let's see if we can beat that number for 2025!

March Program - Color work with Arlene

More details to come in the February Newsletter

LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 14th, 2025

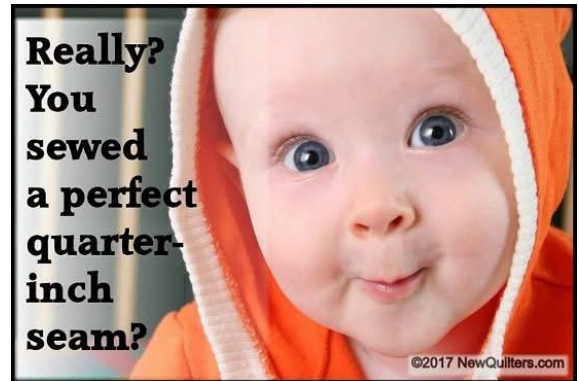
A full copy of the November Annual Minutes can be accessed [here](#) or on the Guild Website. The Board Meeting was cancelled for December. Information from the Board Meeting that is **current** is included in this newsletter.

LQG Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2025 11:00 am

Attendees

- Arlene Blackburn – President
- Judy Edgeworth – President Elect/Beekeeper
- Lyn Coleman – Secretary
- Veronica Church – Treasurer
- Bev Seaver – Membership
- Cindy Holland - Membership Elect
- Janet Webster – Publicity
- Peg Gorman – Hospitality
- Ann Hoar – Charity
- Flo Hayes – Programs
- Jan E Brothers – CORE and Co - Newsletter Editor
- Laura Cox – Quilt Show Chairperson

Quilters Humor



- **Treasurer's Report** Veronica - details of balances, retreat, and quilt show were discussed, with final account balance of \$18,117.70. 2025 budget was amended after much discussion. Flo motioned, Bev seconded and budget was approved. After reports for committees, and discussion, Veronica motioned and Bev seconded and updates were made to the budget including \$400 for batting for Charity. Note: we will explore partnerships to fund/provide batting.
- **Quilt Show** Laura – early plans are being explored with suggestions for consideration.
- **Newsletter** Jan – discussion to be cognizant of putting personal info about members on the website, particularly about individuals' health. Special "Thank you!" to Ginger - The new newsletter format looks awesome. Everyone will be emailed a link and the newsletter will be on the website.
- **Membership** Bev – there are 39 members including two businesses and four at-large members. Renewal forms due by February, which is our 34 year anniversary (cake!)
- **Programs** Flo – reviewed the upcoming schedule for the year and discussed having contracts for all speakers, i.e., Melissa @ Fork Mountain for October.
- **CORE** Jan – 2 tables for the Moneta Library craft fair March 8. Items that sell are typically in the \$5-10 range. This is an early source of outside funding. Mini quilt show at the Moneta Library March 1 through May. Virtual tour of VA Quilt Museum 3/28.
- **Retreat** Veronica and Bev – next retreat scheduled 10/22-26/2025.
- **Hospitality** Peg – cake for February guild meeting for our anniversary.
- **Ways and Means, Publicity, Beekeeper, Challenge** – no updates.

Upcoming Events and Call to Action

Publicity/ Events

[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.

[American Quilters Society \(AQS\) Quilt Shows](#)

- February 19-22 Daytona Beach, FL 2025
- March 12-15 Branson, MS 2025

[Mancuso Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival](#), February 27 – March 2 Hampton Roads, VA

- February 27-March 2 Hampton, VA Quilt Festival - Hampton Roads, VA
- March 26-29 Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse #11

CALLING ALL QUILTERS

The Star Guild will be held **Friday and Saturday March 28th and 29th** at the Berglund Center in Roanoke. **The deadline for entry is Monday, February 3rd, 2025.** Remember, registration must be completed by this date. Quilt check-in is on Wednesday, **March 26th.** Cathy Fandel will have registration forms at the January meeting. If you have more questions please reach out to Cathy.

You may also go to the [Star Quilters website](#), for registration forms, rules of entry and a complete description of categories. We look forward to seeing you and all your wonderful quilts at the show. Thank you for your support!

The Star Quilters Guild

Quilt Show 2026

I know it's only January of 2025, (Happy New Year!) but I'm already thinking ahead to our 2026 Quilt show! Anything you create this year, think of our show. Do you have some unfinished projects laying around you could finish? How about that table runner you've been wanting to try? Any new techniques you could try on a small scale and turn into a mini quilt? The 2025 guild challenge with a panel will be its own category! Submissions to our show do not have to be big, perfect or out of this world! What do you want to see when you go to a show? Lots of quilts! So put on your thinking and making hat this year with our show in mind!!

Laura Cox, 2026 Show Chairmen

Connections Challenge:

Each month, we are challenging one another to get to know our guild members better. Reach out to two members you don't speak to normally and ask them what their goals are for this upcoming year.

Upcoming Events and Call to Action - Cont'

CORE Mission and Quarterly Updates

- *The guild needs to reach out to the community to **build interest and gain new members.** CORE events take place on **evenings or weekends** to gain interest in **potential members** that may work or have obligations during our standard guild meetings. These events are important for the **future of our guild** as it provides us an opportunity to gain members and share our love of quilting with others! Please note of our CORE events **plan to volunteer/attend whenever you are able.** If you cannot attend or volunteer, please share and encourage others to attend!*

SML/Moneta Library Quilt Show Information

Setup: Saturday March 1, 2025

Run Time: This show will run from March through April 2025. More information will be coming, but the library will allow for items to be sold following the show.

Friends of SML/Moneta Library Craft Show!

When: Saturday March 8 10-7pm at the SML/Moneta Library.

Lake Quilters Guild will be purchasing a table for small quilted items to be sold. Please start working on small items, like those made for the Quilt show Boutique last year. It has been noted that small items sold much quicker at the Boutique. More information will be coming when we get it! Save the date so you can sign up for times to help sell items. **Since we are a 501c3 we need to have events like these to comply with tax codes.**

Saturday March 22, 2025 - Explore the Virginia Quilt Museum with Alisha Thomas!

Hosted at the SML/Moneta Library. Virginia Quilt Museum Virtual Tour (recorded BY VQM and transferred to guild, we may use for up to one year). This is your chance to see this amazing museum without driving to Dayton! Invited your friends for an afternoon of historical and modern quilting. More information will be coming soon!

Crazy Quilt Block Class - Thursday evening April 3 at the SML/Moneta Library. We are working to make this class available in person and online. More information to come.

Commuter Retreat - Saturday and Sunday May 3rd and 4th, 2025 at SML/Moneta Library

Please mark your calendars for the third annual Commuter Retreat at SML/Moneta Library. this event is free to guild members. Fee for non-members will be set by the board. More options and information will be coming!

Charity and Fundraising

Charity Report

2024 was a very successful year for the Guild's charity work! Over 500 items were donated throughout the year – all thanks to your hard work making the various items for donation. There were 120 ornaments donated this year versus 75 last year, and there were 136 stockings donated this year versus 117 last year. Great job! As information, we have volunteers who make the deliveries; however, if you deliver any quilts or quilt items, please be sure to complete the [LQG Charity Delivery Form](#) and provide it to Cheryl Nylund so that we can track all donated items. Thanks again for helping the Guild to reach such impressive charitable contributions. Here's to even more charitable donations in 2025!!

Charity Committee

Ways and Means

Have you made a New Year's Sewing Resolution?

Come and shop Ways and Means at the January meeting to get started on your sewing goals for 2025. We will have lots of books and patterns to inspire you, tools to help you sew faster and easier, and fabrics for new projects or UFO's. Or are you looking for ideas and fabrics for the 2025 Panel Challenge? Ways and Means is a great place to start. Please keep your donations coming (no need to price or measure) so we can continue to offer great buys to all of our members and help the guild at the same time.

Thanks,
June and Cathy

End of Year Totals: 519!!!

Bags of Hope: 25	Ornaments: 120	Quilts – Honor:13
Bibs: 2	Quilts - Baby: 5	Stockings: 136
Curtain Valance: 24	Quilts – Lap: 19	Wheelchair Bags: 15
Dog Beds: 15	Quilts – Single/Twin: 19	Walker Bags: 25
Doilies: 7	Quilt King: 5	Quilts – Fidget: 20
Hand Pillows: 5	Quilt - Throw: 1	NICU Hearts: 53

2025 Challenge

The challenge for 2025 is to build anything with a panel. There is no size limit or limit to what you can make. There are some panels available for purchase from Peg Gorman. If you have questions contact Sharon Cullen or Jan Brockman. **All Entries must be completed and quilted before the holiday luncheon!**

Connecting Threads

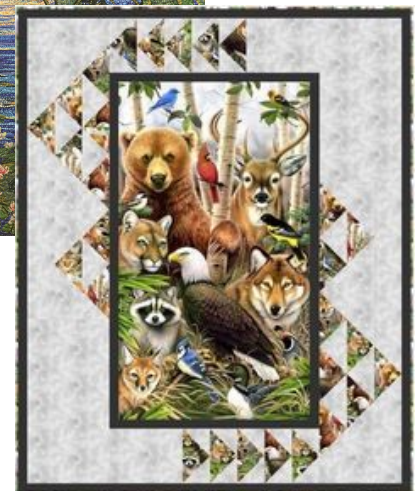
Article: Precut and Panel Inspiration Ginger Brothers

Did you know that panel quilting can be traced back to as early as 1760? The folks at Williamsburg have researched textiles and fabric and found that precuts and preprinted fabric was used in several items due to higher quality in fabric. If you would like more information on colonial fabric and how it was used, I highly recommend checking out the [textile lab](#) at Colonial Williamsburg.

Panels are a great challenge for us this year. I am a self proclaimed panel queen and tend to lean towards them in my quilting, mainly for their use of color. Panels are a great opportunity for experimenting and introductions to new techniques. An example, I can think of and will approach with caution again is a one block wonder with panels (see the stork picture for reference). I love panels for their versatility and artistry.

This being said, my hope is for all of us to use this as an opportunity to explore new ideas. Consider this as an opportunity to make a charity quilt. Panels can help you get larger quilts, fast!

~Ginger Brothers



My tips for making a panel quilt

1. Let the panel call to you. Panels often tell stories - use it!
2. Play with contrasting fabrics and textures.
3. Go with the flow, for me panel quilts tend to grow organically as I work with the fabric. This is also how my quilts become so big, you've been warned!
4. Do not feel like you have to create a quilt. Bags, bibs, quilted jackets, and even placemats are options too!
5. Don't be afraid to let your inner artist out!

Need more inspiration?

Check out [Riley Blake's Tutorial!](#)

Check out ideas on how to use panels from [Quilt Addicts Anonymous](#)