

# Lake Quilters News

## April 2025

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Happy April!

Our guild is doing so many wonderful new things. Between the Library Craft Bazaar, mini quilt show, and the incredible virtual tour of the Virginia Quilt Museum, we are having fun. A big thank you goes out to Jan Brothers for her extraordinary efforts to coordinate all three of those events for us. While I know it takes a "village" to get each of those events off the ground, just know that they have been a success because of the members of our guild. The items in the bazaar were a hit and now we have an inventory to draw from for future events.

We should be proud.

This guild is AWESOME.

It has only been the first quarter of the year, but the enthusiasm we are sharing with each other has certainly created an atmosphere of positivity and happiness. Thank you for everything you are doing to make all of this happen. Back to the sewing room  
Arlene

**April Meeting is on  
April 15, 2025 from 1p-3p at  
SML/Moneta Library**

#### OFFICERS 2025

**President:** Arlene Blackburn  
**President Elect:** Judy Edgeworth  
**Membership Chair:** Bev Seaver  
**Membership Elect:** Cindy Regan  
**Program Chair:** Flo Hayes  
**Secretary:** Lyn Coleman  
**Treasurer:** Veronica Church  
**Publicity:** Marsha Melkonian  
**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 [vbros88@gmail.com](mailto:vbros88@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](mailto:rploskunyak@outlook.com).

**Welcome to our newest members, Judith Gibbons, Kathy Carpenter, Mary Isaman**  
**If anyone is interested in joining the Guild please fill out the 2025 Membership Form.**



### Newsletter Quick Links

- [Calendars and Programs](#)
- [Board Minutes](#)
- [Local Events and Call to Action](#)
- [Call to Action - Community Outreach](#)
- [Charity and Fundraising](#)
- [Connecting Threads: Scrap Busters](#)

# Calendar and Programs

April 2025		Guild Meeting at Saunders Fire Hall 12253 Smith Mountain Lake Pkwy, Huddleston VA 24104				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 • LQG Board Meeting 1p-3p	02	03 CORE Event: Crazy Block Class 5:30p	04	05
06	07	08 • Stitch and Chat 1p-4p	09	10 • Bee Artful Bee @ 10a	11	12
13 • Worker Bee 2p-5p	14	15 • Guild Meeting Program: Preparing for the Boutique 1p-3p	16	17 • Kept in Stitches Bee 10a-2p	18	19
20	21	22 • River Queen Bee 1p-3p	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	• Mini Show Takedown		

## April 15th, 2025

**April Program-** Laura Cox will be presenting a program about Boutique items needed for the Quilt Show in 2026.



## Calendar Updates

- Event not on the calendars? Date incorrect? Please email the editor directly if there is a Guild or Bee that has not been listed accurately.

## April Extra Events:

- CORE Event: Crazy Block Class at 5:30pm
- Thank you to Jan Emerick-Brothers for hosting this event. It was well attended and the attendees were interested in learning more about our Guild.

### Mini Show Takedown

Takedown is on **May 1st, 2025**, please plan to assist with takedown and pick up your quilts.

If another member is picking up your items, please send an email to Jan Emerick-Brothers with information on who is allowed to pick up your quilts.

For more information please email Jan Emerick-Brothers.



# Calendar and Programs

May 2025		Guild Meeting at SML Water Authority 1500 Radford Church Road, Moneta VA					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				01 Bee Artful Bee @ 10a	02	03 • GQC & Communter Retreat	
04 • GQC & Communter Retreat	05	06 Board Meeting 1p-3p	07	08	09	10	
11	12	13 • Stitch and Chat 1p-4p	14	15 • Kept in Stitches Bee 10a-2p	16	17	
18	19	20 • Wallet Program 9:30a-12p Guild Meeting 1p-3p	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27 River Queen Bee 1p-3p	28	29	30	31	

## May 15th, 2025

General Meeting held from 1p - 3p at the SML Water Authority. **Please remember, there is to be no "propping" of the door. Work in teams to bring your items in.**

## May Program - Wallet Making

**Time:** 9:30a-12p  
**Instructor:** Joy Shannahan.



**SAVE the DATE!** On Thursday May 1,2025 at NOON we will be taking down the library quilt show at the Moneta/SML Library. **If you are not able to pick up your own quilts on that date, please make your own arrangements with another guild member AND then let Jan Emerick-Brothers know who is permitted to take your quilts.** Helping hands will be most welcome in taking down and organizing the equipment during the take down process! Sign up at the guild meeting!

We are also having a **commuter retreat on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Moneta/SML Library.** Please sign up as space is limited. Sign up sheets will be at the guild meeting!

**Global Quilt Connections "All-Star Sampler Platter"** Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 3p-6p and Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 3-6pm

To access this event, you must click on the link below. You will also have access to the "Workbook" that can be downloaded prior to the event

<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/sampler-platter-live-link-May2025>

# LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 4th, 2025

March 2025 LQG Board Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2025 1:00 pm

## Attendees

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Judy Edgeworth – Acting President, Pres. Elect/Beekeeper/</li><li>● Lyn Coleman – Secretary</li><li>● Veronica Church – Treasurer</li><li>● Bev Seaver &amp; Cindy Regan – Membership</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Janet Webster – Webmaster</li><li>● Ann Hoar - Charity</li><li>● Jan E Brothers – CORE and newsletter with Ginger Brothers</li></ul> |
|---|--|

- There was general discussion about the potential of raffling Lyn’s donated quilt, but without a fund-raising chair/committee, it was difficult to make it happen in time for the SMAC (Smith Mountain Arts Council) Expo on May 10. There is a definite need for a fund-raising chair/committee since our 501c(3) status requires us to raise a portion of our funds from outside our guild. Jan EB suggested selling our hand-made items left from the Library craft sale, and Cindy R volunteered to collect those items at the April guild meeting and take to the SMAC booth set-up time (8:00). The suggestion is also that a limited number of each item be donated so that we can focus on more variety. SMAC will provide tables and tents, so the set-up will be the “retailing” and providing guild information and membership forms, which Jan EB will provide there. Janet W. will write up the above details for the newsletter. Judy E will bring a shift sign-up sheet to the April guild meeting.
- Veronica’s Treasurer Report was reviewed and showed a checkbook balance of \$18,310.59 as of February 28, 2025. Veronica also provided the board a copy of the 2025 budget and current year-to-date as of February 28, 2025.
- The need for a fund-raising committee that the board discussed in March was reiterated at this meeting.
- Ann H. (Charity) will purchase some tubs for charity kit storage, and reported that we met our goal of walker bags but now we need fidget quilts. Janet W reported that Stitch and Chat Bee will focus on that at the Bee meeting next week. Ann will also take a few minutes at the guild meeting to stress to guild members the need for detailed written record-keeping of charity items from kit/supplies all the way through the process to the final donation recipient. Again, this is a very important record-keeping duty for our status as 501c(3) to prepare for any potential audit. And Ann will be available at a table before the start of the guild meeting to collect paperwork and finished articles.
- Bev (Membership with Cindy) reported 73 members which includes six at-large.
- Judy reported that Joy’s wallet workshop has 16 sign-ups and is now closed. Hardware etc. will be distributed in time for the May class. Other programs were discussed and Flo is planning a program committee meeting tentatively on April 29.
- Jan (CORE) reported on the Library Craft table in March which the Library was considered a success gaining eight new library members. Jan motioned that the fee for the Global Quilt Connection (May 4 and 5) be paid, Bev seconded, unanimous approval. Jan also reported on plans for the Library location those days for attendees to sew and view together and will have sign-up sheets at the April guild meeting. She also reported on multiple upcoming CORE events and will post the details in our newsletter.
- Veronica (Retreat 10/22-26/2025) reported 11 full retreat signups and 2 day attendees.
- The LQG Board meeting adjourned at 2:00.

# Upcoming Events and Call to Action

## *We Need Your Help, Please!!*

The Lake Quilters Guild (LQG) at SML is participating in the upcoming **Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) Expo on Saturday, May 10, from 10 am to 4 pm at Trinity Ecumenical Parish in Moneta.** This is the second annual SMAC Expo; and there will be live music, demonstrations, crafts, food & drink, kids activities, and giveaways. As part of our 501(c)(3) obligations, LQG will have a booth at the Expo and will be selling a variety of craft items that were left over from the Library Craft Show. **If you still have your craft items from the Library Craft Show and would like them to be included in this event, please bring them to the April 15 Guild meeting, and give them to Cindy Regan.** Also, if you have new (small) items you'd like to have included in this sale, please bring them to the meeting - be sure to mark them with recommended prices. Due to the current inventory of items, please limit your donations of **new (small) items to 5.** In addition to the craft items being offered during the Expo, information regarding the Guild will also be available in the booth, including Membership forms.

The following Sign Up Sheets will be available at the April 15 meeting:

- Volunteers to help with set up (8 am – 10 am)
- Volunteers to staff the booth/sell items throughout the day (10 am - 4 pm; 2-hour shifts)
- Volunteers to close out the booth (4 pm to 5 pm)

**Please consider signing up to help with this worthwhile effort - your participation is necessary for this event to be successful!**

Thanks for your support!



### Local Fabric Stores

We have had several new members join us. Welcome! Below is a list of the local fabric shops in the area. Happy hunting folks!

- Fork Mountain - Rocky Mount, VA
- Mrs. Boone's Country Store - Hardy, VA
- CS Threads - Hardy, VA
- Sew Simple - Lynchburg, VA
- Bargain Barn Fabrics
- Quilted Expressions - Lynchburg, VA
- A Thread Runs Through It - Brookneal, VA
- Quiltoff - Roanoke, VA
- School House Fabrics - Floyd, VA

### 2025 RETREAT

***The Annual Retreat has only 8 spots left! There are only 2 day spots available!***

Our annual Retreat will be held at the 4H Center here at the Lake Wednesday, October 22 through Sunday, October 26. New this year, we will offer day passes for those who wish to sleep in their own beds and bring their own food! We will offer 3 and 4 night options for those who wish to stay overnight with 2 meals each day.

# Upcoming Events and Call to Action - Cont'

## 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!

Thanks to our Guild members who showed at the library! This was a mutually beneficial event for both the guild and the library! Thanks also to those who made items and participated in the craft sale, again this benefitted both the library and the guild! LQG raised over \$300.00 so we are on our way to covering financial needs for our 501c3 status for 2025!

Thanks to the members who participated in March CORE activities. We had a good turnout both virtually and physically for the Virginia Quilt Museum virtual tour via zoom. In person we had several NON-Guild participants. If you missed out on the virtual tour, active guild members will be receiving information via e-blast in the coming weeks to access the tour on the museum's site. Please do not share these links as this is a benefit only to our active members.

Thanks to those guild members who assisted in teaching the Crazy quilt block on 4/3/25 at the library. Our participants learned something and asked for more! Hopefully these folks will continue to consider our guild for future activities!

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

We are also having a **commuter retreat** on **May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Moneta/SML Library.**

Please sign up as space is limited. Sign up sheets will be at the guild meeting!



### Global Quilt Connections "All-Star Sampler Platter"

**Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 3p-6p and Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 3-6pm**

To access this event, you must click on the link below. You will also have access to the "Workbook" that can be downloaded prior to the event

<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/sample-platter-live-link-May2025>

### Connections Challenge:

For this month, challenge yourself to either shop in your scrap pile, or shop at a local fabric shop (LFS).

**Bonus Challenge:** Plan a "girls day" with your friends and check out a LFS you haven't been to in a while.





# All-Star Sampler Platter

Youtube Livestream Event  
6 hours of amazing demos  
by some of GQC's very best teachers

## Saturday May 3, 3:00 - 6:00 pm US eastern

- David Owen Hastings - Textured Mini Wall Quilt  
Rachel Derstine - Glow Up Your Landscapes with a Sun or Moon and Reflection on the Water  
Elizabeth De Croos - Make and Use a Log Cabin Wrapping loth  
Linda Sullivan - Hand Applique by Machine  
Gunnel Hag -Painless Marbling on Fabric  
Karen Bolan - How to Cut Curves with a Straight Ruler  
Patty Klimek - Make a Japanese Rice Bag  
Ann Wasserman - Quilt Repair Tales - Saving History One Quilt at a Time  
Dana Jones -Warp Speed

## Sunday May 4, 3:00 - 6:00 pm US eastern

- Brandy Maslowski - Scrappy Hexie EPP  
Daisy Aschehoug - Any Curve Anywhere Sewing Quarter Circles  
MJ Kinman - Lit From Within: Make your Quilts GLOW Using the Magic of Color Interaction  
Mel Beach - Fabric Printing FUN in the SUN!  
Ellen Lindner -Takeoff with Technique: Ellen Lindner's Favorite Techniques  
Jane Haworth - Fabric Collage is Easy: Let's make Wildflowers.  
Cathy Perlmutter - Turned Edge Piecing for Cityscape Quilts  
Diane Harris - Fabric Savvy Secrets from Stash Bandit  
Jen Simonic - HOW NOT TO LEAVE A MESS with the Loose Ends Project



# Charity and Fundraising

## Charity Report

At the May meeting (that's coming soon) Catherine Vance from the Bedford County Nursing Home will be speaking at the guild meeting. We'd love to present her with **20 fidget quilts** and **20 walker bags**. The response for walker bags has been significant. We have over 20 bags to share. We need more fidget quilts. Please bring to our April meeting. This is an example from Carole Thommen. She shared that you need to look at the quilt as both a visual and a tactile experience. Ideas for [fidget](#) quilts are [here](#). Use some of your amazing creativity to make one.

To keep the momentum going on all this great charity work, the committee has assembled NICU scent heart kits. Please grab a bag at the April meeting. Each bag has 4 or more hearts. Have Christmas fabric? Consider making some ornaments or stockings. Running low on Christmas fabric – I believe Joann's in Roanoke must have just unpacked their warehouse as they have a whole row of Christmas fabric. You may recall at last month's guild meeting, Patty Lively shared that the organization helping youth who age out of foster care need Queen size quilts. So see if you can change that twin/full design into a queen size.

The charity committee is working with the board to get labels and batting. Keep on making quilt tops and provide backing and binding material. As a reminder, our 501(c) requirements expect us to keep track of what we are making and what we are delivering. So please sign when you commit to making something and fill out the donation form when you return the project.

Fork Mountain Quilting continues to support our charity efforts. We are assessing a recent donation and will share a summary with the guild. THANK YOU Fork Mountain Quilting.  
Ann Hoar and Mary Colby  
Charity Committee Co-chairs



Example of a fidget quilt.

## Survey Says . . .

Please NOTE we are using the survey as a way to encourage all guild members to give input into the newsletter, without taking up time in the guild meetings! WE HOPE that you will all participate. If you have questions that you would like to ask the guild members, please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers.

Colors our quilters AVOID are as follows:

- Black/Browns: 7
- Oranges: 3
- Yellow: 2
- Green: 2
- Purple: 1

None of our guild members who participated avoid the colors Blue and White!

## Ways and Means

Thanks to your amazing donations last month we have lots of new items for this month's Ways and Means tables. Some great collections of theme fabrics in large pieces: sewing, kids, trains, and southwest chili.

**BOGO Sale on All Patterns!!!!** (That means 2 patterns for 25 cents!!!) Lots of traditional, modern, bags, totes, holiday, and seasonal. Since most patterns retail at \$10 or more this a bargain and a great way to jump start your creativity.  
June and Cathy



## Connecting Threads - Scrap Busters

As the prices of fabric and everything else are climbing up, penny pinching has become a large part of our lives. Luckily, we have scrap piles to create beautiful and unique quilts. I am attaching a quick guide to making scrap blocks that I nicknamed "Conquering Mt. Scrapmore" for the Worker Bee a few years ago. Many of these ideas came from the creator, Just Get It Done Quilts. These guides are designed to also help you "turn and burn" if you need a palate cleanser project. As always have fun and trust the process!

### The Two By Four

- Cut two strips 2.5" wide and 4.5" long and sew together.

### The Three By Three

- Sew two 2.5" wide strips together.
- Repeat step one twice for a total of three strips.
- Sew the three strips together into one long strip with six pieces of fabric.
- Cut the strip to 4.5" long.
- Use three pieces from your strip to create your block.
- Alternate the middle strip to create the pattern.
  - You could also cut 18 - 2.5" wide and 4.5" long strips to create this pattern.

### High Low Four Patch

- Cut 4 (2.5" wide and 10" long) strips
- Sew these strips together.
- After all four strips are together cut the long strip into 2.5" pieces to create one row of four squares.
- Use these rows to build a block of sixteen squares.

### Spot in the Middle

- Cut two (2.5" wide and 6.5" long) Strips
- Cut three 2.5" squares one from your strip fabric and one from a contrasting fabric.
- Build like a nine patch and put your high contrast as a center.

### The Cross

- Cut 1 (2.5" wide and 6.5" long)
- Cut 2 2.5" squares from strip fabric
- Use 4 2.5" squares to fill in corners.
- Build like a nine patch, be sure to place cross in center of strips.

Examples of a Two by Four and Cross Scrap Pattern



Examples of a Three by Three and Spot in the Middle



Example of a High Low Four Patch on point - my personal favorite!

