

Lake Quilters News

August 2025

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I can't believe it is August already! As a guild, we have done some wonderful things together this year and our Programs Committee has planned plenty more to finish out the last half of 2026.

The August Guild Meeting (at the Water Authority on August 19th at 1:00pm) will be a general meeting packed with a great deal of information about the 2026 LQG Quilt Show. The Board wants to hear from you so we will be looking for membership input and sign-up sheets for opportunities to be involved.

Let's make this the best quilt show the Lake Quilters Guild has ever put on. The "success bar" has been set pretty high from our past years shows so...we need to get started. As always, everyone wants to see what you have been creating. Please bring on the inspiration.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!
Back to the sewing room,

~Arlene

August General Meeting is on August 19, 2025 from 1p-3p at Water Authority

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

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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 vbrotther88@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.

Welcome back Alice Vreeland!

If anyone is interested in joining the Guild please fill out the [2025 Membership Form](#).



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Calendar and Programs

August 19, 2025 - Suitcase Workshop

Learn how to turn an old suitcase into a traveling sewing kit.



September 16, 2025 - Hawaiian Quilting with Paula Golden

Enjoy a visit to the spectacular islands of Hawaii while learning about the art and history of Hawaiian quilt making. The beauty of the stitch will be experienced with the spirit of Aloha.



There are still spots open for this workshop. Sign up at the general meeting!



Save the Date October 2025

Todd and Melissa Cassell of Fork Mountain Quilting will join us for a new purse program and a how to give your sewing machine some TLC (tender loving care).

People who start projects
AND NEVER FINISH THEM



are way cooler than people
WHO NEVER START PROJECTS!

2025 RETREAT

The Annual Retreat has only 2 spots left! All Day Spots have been filled!

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.

LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 5th, 2025

- Arlene Blackburn - President
- Lyn Coleman – Secretary
- Beverly Seaver Membership
- Flo Hayes – Programs

- Ann Hoar - Charity
- Laura Cox – Quilt Show 2026
- Cathy Fandel – Ways & Means
- Janet Webster - Web

- President - Arlene led a discussion about research ongoing for 2026 Quilt Show. The Eastlake Church cannot provide info on an open date until after October, so two locations in Rocky Mount are being explored – the new Franklin County High School gym (with extra classrooms) and Harvester (2 floors). Potential dates are 6/4-5-6; 7/9-10-11; 7/16-17-18; 7/23-24-25. The Rocky Mount opportunities include guild growth, more ticket sales, and coordination with Fork Mountain Quilt Shop and the town manager and new Marketing Manager in Rocky Mount. Additional advertising and marketing will be available, along with considering either an Airing of the Quilts or Quilt Parade.
- Arlene also reported that she has a potential quilt show judge Scott Murkin (local Raleigh) who has judged at shows such as Paducah and Houston, and will charge \$550 plus mileage for one day. The Viewers' Choice award would still apply. Lyn motioned and Bev seconded, carried unanimous, for the Board to complete research and decide final arrangements for location and dates for the 2026 quilt show as soon as possible. Arlene motioned, Laura seconded, carried unanimous for Arlene to pursue a contract with Mr. Murkin when show details are finalized.
- Arlene will reintroduce the judge concept and info on Mr. Murkin's positive judging style to the guild at the next meeting.
- Quilt Show - Laura shared plans to recruit volunteers for the Quilt Show committees. She will have a sign-up clipboard at the next guild meeting available at the sign-in table. Of immediate concern is forming the raffle quilt committee. Tickets will continue to be \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00.
- Square can be used in addition to cash for ongoing tickets sales depending on the comfort of the sales person. Veronica can schedule a refresher session on Square.
- Bev suggested an idea for a patriotic red/white/blue display at the show for 250 year anniversary.
- Bev suggested considering artisan vendors other than just quilt related.
- Charity will again have a display of various items we donate and info on recipients.
- Laura suggested an area with membership details along with demo's at the finish end of the show floor to avoid congestion at the ticket sales area.
- Show Committee will explore compiling a list of quilt entry categories that will allow entry quantity to be evenly distributed.
- Laura indicated that there are several prior years' Show records creating a massive amount of paperwork. Janet motioned, Bev seconded, unanimous vote to retain only 2024 and forward records since that most aptly describes the direction of the next quilt show.
- Charity – Ann reported that the storage unit was again organized and requested that nothing should be taken directly to the storage unit in order to keep it organized. She discussed the potential to make quilted shoulder drapes (Quilt "hugs" pattern) and the owl pattern. The queen size quilts seem to be an overwhelming ask, and other organizations are fulfilling that need, so we will discontinue making queen quilts (unless someone has a desire to make one) and commit ourselves in favor of our other charity endeavors. Cathy suggested there's a negative connotation to the name "charity" and perhaps

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rename it to something more like

- Community Comfort/Community Care/Community Share. This may require a By-Law change. Also, we should have a guild discussion of making sure we have a balance between charity and programs opportunities since both are in our By-Laws. Arlene volunteered to address it at a meeting.
- Membership – Bev reported holding steady at 79 members. Perhaps we could have someone attend a Newcomers meeting? Is there a Newcomers in Rocky Mount? Perhaps produce a single sheet card stock describing the guild and the bees with meeting days/times?
- Programs – Flo reported that the suitcase workshop is full. There are still spaces left in the Paula Golden workshop in September. Janet motioned, Bev seconded, unanimous vote to go forward with the current level of participants.
- Ways & Means – Cathy thanked Bev and Ann for recent coordination with Charity. There will be no Ways & Means in October in consideration for Fork Mountain to vendor.
- General discussion regarding By-Laws review. Since a review/revision happened in 2023 in coordination with new non-profit designation, along with presentation to the guild in 2024, the Board determined that the next By-Laws review would be 2027.
- Board Meeting concluded at 3:29.

Free Patterns !!!

Here is just the second round of samplings. Find a cool pattern submit it to the editor to feature in next month's newsletter.

Free Patterns: Click on the blue links to explore these freebie options with full directions!!

[Terrain](#) - Feeling scrappy? Here's a great place to start!

[Full Bloom Tangerine](#) - Want a challenge in circles and modern quilting?

[Gea Quilt](#) - Use tonals to play with subtle color shifts on this one.

[Cabin Trails](#) - Need to burn through solids? Or play with some textures?

[Penny Stars](#) - My personal favorite out of this bunch. Only for the color selection.

Quilters Humor



**My therapist is named 'Bernina.
She always listens, and I leave feeling better**

Note from the editor: Bernina usually sends me to my other therapists: Janome and Singer!

Upcoming Events and Call to Action

Community Outreach

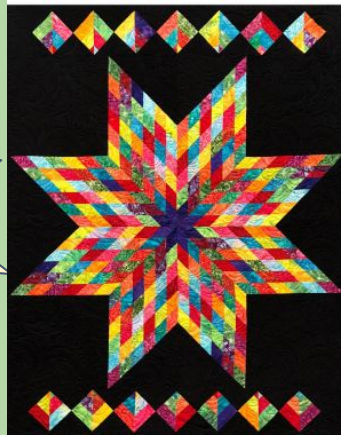
- **CORE= Community Out Reach Events!** *You may wonder why these events are held in the evenings or on Saturday? Core events are scheduled to reach out to the public AS WELL AS to our members that cannot attend our Tuesday guild events! You can help our guild grow by promoting these events to your friends and neighbors to come and explore our art form. YOU are always welcome to join as a helper or participant! If you have further questions, email Jan Emerick-Brothers.*

CORE Class Event: Lone Star Quilt Hack

8/23/25 and 9/6/25

@ SMLMoneta

Library 10am - ?



Learn how to make the classic quilt top using jelly rolls using Donna Jordan's You Tube tutorial. To sign up you will need to contact the SML/Moneta Library as this class has limited space. This event is open to all Guild members and sewers, but you need to sign up. Once you sign up, directions and your "homework" will be assigned to you. The best part if you complete your homework, you could have a quilt top done by the end of the class!

9 Patch BEGINNER block class at WESTLAKE Library Saturday

September 27th 9-1. You will need to register with the Westlake Library for this event. This is a beginner class to promote our guild and hopefully meet new folks interested in quilting. Helpers are welcome!

FRIENDSHIP STAR block on Thursday OCTOBER 18th 5-8 pm.

Held at the Moneta/SML Library. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come explore with us. Have them register at the Library. This beginner block class is designed to promote our Guild to the public and hopefully gain new membership.

Connections Challenge:

Ask your quilting buddy if and where they would like to go if they did a quilting vacation.

Ways and Means

If you love Batiks plan to shop at Ways and Means this month. Some of the newly donated Batiks are as large as 4 yards. And we will again have a great selection of fabrics, kits, notions, books and patterns perfect for your sewing projects.

See you at the August meeting!

June and Cathy

Share a Tip

This section is devoted to Tricks of the Trade. Tips that make us better quilters and grow our skills as a Guild.

If you are struggling to thread your machine, get a topstitch needle and use this instead of a standard needle. The eye of a topstitch needle is more oval shaped making it easier to thread. ~ Sue Whitney ~

When making natural or realistic applique blocks, use stock images or your own pictures to match the fabric colors. Also when working with green fabrics, use the blue or yellow undertone to better match your fabric. I personally am a sucker for blue green, also called "Sitka spruce". ~ Ginger Brothers ~

Charity and Fundraising

Charity Report

At the July fellowship many members worked on their own projects and many made Christmas stockings. We now have over 100 stockings made. THANKS! Pillowcases, NICU hearts and quilts were also worked for charity. In July we delivered NICU hearts (sets of 4), non-matching hearts for breastfeeding support, quilts and comforters. Over 50 items were delivered! In July we had extra help from Marsha Melkonian in reaching out to all the charities and helping access their needs. We are getting closer to having a complete list. We now have identified needs that are more than our stock. Specifically, we need fidget, lap, and honor quilts. Quilt kits will be available at the guild meetings. All items are welcome!

Several charities have new/different items requested we are assessing how to fill these needs. If anyone has an easy bear pattern or a pattern for a "hand pillow" please let us know. The donations just keep coming. This month, Gayle Englehart gave us 10 bins of fabric. Her sister, Paulette Randolph passed away and Gayle promised that the fabric would not go to Goodwill. Gayle and Pauletter started quilting together when their first grandchildren were born in the late 90s. They took classes at Hancock Fabrics and when they found Quilt Connections they were hooked. Included in the stash were neutrals, patriotic fabric and large yardage for backing. If you need backing let Mary know – we are storing it with the batting.

The charity committee is working with the board to get labels. Keep on making quilt tops and provide backing and binding material. As a reminder, our 501(c) requirements require 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.

Ann Hoar and Mary Colby Charity Committee Co-chairs



July was a busy month for charity with many activities and contributors. There were two in person activities, a cutting party and the July fellowship meeting. If you check out our Facebook page you can see cutting party photos. We had a great time with over 15 participants. Ironing was going the whole time. We got through all of Peg Gorman's sister's donations cutting them into various sizes to incorporate in quilts. We also made a dent in the many stashes of fabric we have been receiving. **Kits are available at all meetings.**

Survey Sez

How often do you replace your pins? 8 responded
Never; 1 replaces Yearly. Many comments were under the section of When I see cute ones to buy. Here are the comments:

- When the others are in projects already
- When bent
- As dull, bent, or unusable

The most excellent comment was: I have pins from 1945 and they are still sharp!

