

Lake Quilters News

February 2025

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Happy February and a very Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. While I am away for the first half of this month at an Artist Residency outside of Charleston, South Carolina, I know that there are many plans in the works for the guild. We hope that you will come to Saunders Volunteer Fire Hall to participate in our Sew-In Charity Days (February 17 th 9am-4pm & February 18 th 9am-12pm). With the Moneta Library Bizarre in the early weeks of March, and the Charity quilts we need for donation here in 2025, there are many things to work on. It is so encouraging to see such cute projects being posted to the LQG Facebook page by our members, I can only think that people will be thrilled with the offerings on our tables at the library sale. Thank you for being so enthusiastic and I can't wait to see what you make during the Sew-In.

Wishing you a fun month of friendship and sewing,
Arlene

**February Meeting is on
February 18, 2025 from
1p-3p at Saunders Fire Hall**

OFFICERS 2025

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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.

Welcome to our newest member, **Dawn Michelsen!** We are glad you've joined us! **Membership is open!** 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

February 2025

Guild Meeting at Saunders Fire Hall 12253 Smith Mountain Lake Pkwy, Huddleston, VA 24104

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						01
02	03	04 • LQG Board Meeting 1p-3p	05	06 • Bee Artful Bee @ 10a	07	08
09	10	11 • Stitch and Chat 1p-4p	12	13 • Kept in Stitches Bee 10a-2p	14	15
16 • Worker Bee 2p-5p	17 • Charity Sew In 9a- 4p	18 • Charity Sew In 9a - 12p Guild Meeting 1p-3p	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 • River Queen Bee 1p-3p	26	27	28	

February 17th and 18th, 2025

The February program and meeting will be held at Saunders Fire Hall over two days. It is our anniversary and we will be having cake. We will be completing our Charity Sew In on February 17th, 2025. You may work on your own project, use one of the kits available or join in making pet beds (instructions will be available).

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.

SML/Moneta Library Mini Quilt Show: Register your quilt for the mini show by 2/18/25

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

Calendar and Programs

March 2025		Guild Meeting at SML/Moneta Library 13641 Moneta Rd, Moneta, VA 24121				
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March 18th, 2025

The March program and meeting will be held at the SML/ Moneta Library. Arlene will lead us in her program, "Finding Color Inspiration in Your Daily Life". Let's consider "breaking the rules" for color in quilts. We will have a fun time with the program Arlene Blackburn has prepared for us. Bring your imaginations to the meeting.

April Program-TBA

May Program - We will be making a wonderful wallet that is useful and fun. Joy Shannahan will lead this class. Sign up and more information will be available at the February Charity Sew In.

March Extra Events:

- **Mini Quilt Show** - The SML/Moneta Library is hosting a mini quilt show from **March 1st, 2025 through April 30th, 2025**. **Registered quilts need to be dropped off on March 1st for setup.**
- **Craft Bazaar at SML/Moneta Library on March 8th, 2025 from 10a - 7p** - We need **volunteers to assist with our tables.** Donated items for sale may be dropped off on **March 1st, 2025.**
- **CORE Event: Virtual Tour of the VQM** - Come to the SML/Moneta Library on March 22, 2025 at 11am for a virtual tour of the Virginia Quilt Museum.

Check out the [CORE Call to Action](#) Page for more information on CORE events and how YOU can help!

LQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 4th, 2025

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

Attendees

Joy Shannahan – Past Pres./Advisor

Lyn Coleman – Secretary

Veronica Church – Treasurer

Judy Edgeworth – Pres. Elect/Beekeeper

Bev Seaver & Cindy Regan – Membership

Janet Webster – Webmaster/Publicity

Ann Hoar & Mary Colby - Charity

Flo Hayes – Programs

Jan E Brothers – CORE and newsletter with Ginger



- There was a general group discussion re: meeting locations with a tentative schedule developed between the Moneta Library and Saunders Fire Hall, depending on the scheduled program needs. The Bedford Water Authority made the decision that it will no longer allow community groups to use the conference room where we had been meeting.
- Veronica reported the bank balance of \$17,679.39. The budget will be reviewed quarterly to adjust (Ex: for the room rental fees, etc.) as information becomes available, beginning in April.
- Ann and Mary reported on efforts for charity quilting, including streamlining paperwork, and discussed the need for **fabric donations to back quilt tops**. We will continue to source best pricing for batting. Veronica will order labels. Kits are available to make charity quilts. Also, there is a need for a **volunteer** to assume responsibility for the **storage** unit to make sure it becomes and stays organized.
- Bev reported 57 members, including 4 at-large members and one new member.
- Jan – CORE – Forms and info for the library quilt show (begins Mar 1) and library craft boutique (Mar 8) will be available on the website and in the newsletter. Entry forms for the show are due at the February Guild meeting. She will need volunteers for set-up for the show (March 1) and also price and staff the craft table (March 8). Info in the newsletter about that; Other CORE events being held in conjunction with the Moneta library
 - Mar 22 - the virtual tour of the VA Quilt Museum; if watching, will need to preregister through library
 - The Crazy Quilt Block CORE class Thursday, April 3 - 5:30 (assistants needed)
- Newsletter info needs to be submitted by 2/10, Put info for publication in the content of your email; do not put in WORD or as a PDF
- Lyn made a motion that Flo and Judy sign up for the Global Quilt Connection virtual meeting (\$50) re: arranging speakers, Bev seconded, motion passed.
- New business: There was a suggestion that we consider holding an “Airing of the Quilts” event in this off-year of the quilt show. It could be held in the Fall at Westlake or at the SMAC event. This idea needs further exploration.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Upcoming Events and Call to Action

Publicity/ Events

[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

[Star Quilters Quilt Show](#), March 28th and 29th at the Berglund Center

Star Quilters Guild Quilt Show

The Star Quilters Guild Show will be held **Friday and Saturday March 28th and 29th** at the Berglund Center in Roanoke. Quilt check-in is on Wednesday, **March 26th**. 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

Connections Challenge:

Did you reach out to a guild member? We hope you took a moment to get to know each other better. This month ask your quilter pen pal what quilting item is on the top of their wishlist.

Mini Quilt Show at SML/Moneta Library

Please consider placing a small quilt or wall hanging in the SML/Moneta Library mini show. Wall space is limited and all quilts need to be registered by 2/18/25. Drop off is on March 1st, 2025. Registration forms are on our website. Paper copies will be available at the general Guild Meeting in February.

2025 RETREAT

The retreat is 10/22-10/26 at the 4-H Center. We will have the all the details by the March Guild meeting.



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

2/17/25 and 2/18/25: Applications DUE for SML/Moneta Library show! Remember, you **MUST** have a sewed or safety pinned sleeve on your quilts! Forms are found on our website!

Setup: Saturday March 1, 2025 at 10a -Please bring your quilts for hanging at the SML/Moneta Library show. This show is up for March and April 2025. Please stay to help hang! You may also bring Boutique items at this time. This will allow us to price items for the following week.

See Boutique information below

Friends of SML/Moneta Library Craft Show!

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

LQG will have 2 library tables (2' by6'). This is one of our few fundraising events for 2025. Please be making smaller items for sale, like those that sold at our show's boutique in 2024. Sales of our items will help the guild comply with our 501c3 status for the year!. **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 at 11am

Virtual Tour of the Virginia Quilt Museum at the SML/Moneta Library! This will be on a zoom platform. **This event is open to all, but if you plan to attend at the library, you must register!** Phone is **540.425.7004**, or email the manager **Jenifer** at JGolston@bpls.org.

Crazy Quilt Block Class - Thursday April 3rd, 2025 at 5:30p

This is an instructional event for the community to learn how to make a crazy quilt block. Volunteer instructors are needed! If you have friends that are interested in quilting, please invite them! Please contact Jan Emerick-Brothers for more information. **IF you plan to attend this event, you MUST register!** Phone is **540.425.7004**, or email the manager **Jenifer** at JGolston@bpls.org.

Global Quilters Connections and Commuter Retreat - 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 all guild members. Fee for non-members will be set by the board. This will be one of the locations for a watch party for [Global Quilters Connection](#)s. Remember this is a virtual event that you can watch from anywhere. The link will be provided a week before the event starts through e-blast.

Charity and Fundraising

Charity Report

Greetings from the charity committee. As you may recall from the January Newsletter, we are having a CHARITY SEW IN. We will be at Saunders Volunteer Fire Hall, starting at 9am on Monday February 17th. We are focusing on dog/cat beds AND will have kits available to do other products (quilts, fidget quilts, etc.). To complete the cat/dog beds we will need some fabric stuffing. So clean out your closet and bring your scraps. We're covering both Bedford and Franklin County! The event will continue on Tuesday followed by the general meeting. At the general meeting, the charity committee plans to share a yearlong plan to allow us all to fit charity sewing into our various schedules. Please remember to fill out your [charity form](#) when submitting a charity project!

General Request –

We need backing fabrics so the longarming volunteers can complete the quilts when a top is donated. If possible, please provide a backing when you donate a top. Alternatively, if you have extra backing feel free to donate! Either will be appreciated.

Mary Colby and Ann Hoar
Charity Committee Co-chairs

Ways and Means

Come early and shop! We will be setting up by 11:00 on Tuesday. We have some great new donations to inspire you! Looking for ideas for this year's challenge? We have dozens of new patterns, some designed just for panels. Interested in sewing with Homespuns? We have a large selection, from Fat 1/8ths to yardage. And for more inspiration a recent donation of wonderful and current quilting books. See you Tuesday,
June and Cathy



Survey Says

In January we asked the age old question: do you wash your fabric before you quilt?

Survey says 1 in 3 of our members washes their fabric. Specific notes were mentioned about red fabric in particular. Per online research you should wash your fabric if it is flannel or red. Also if you choose to wash your fabric do not use fabric softener and wash on a cool cycle. It is not recommended to wash pre cut materials. Question does that mean panels count as a precut? Share your thoughts to the editor.

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 - Inspired by YouTube

Article: Inspired by YouTube

I won the lottery at my current job. One of my coworkers is also a quilter. Recently, she got inspired me to look at quilting videos online. Thanks to our meeting last month we all got a brief look into all the things YouTube, Instagram and even Facebook can connect us with. For this month I wanted to share some of popular quilters on YouTube and their specialities.

There are tons of resources at our fingertips and ready for our use. This is by no means a comprehensive list of creators, but I hope it will inspire you to jump into a new project. Happy hunting and see if you can find a new favorite to add to our list.

I also included a simple pet bed video to assist with our charity project for February. To play click on the icon with the triangle and the circle.

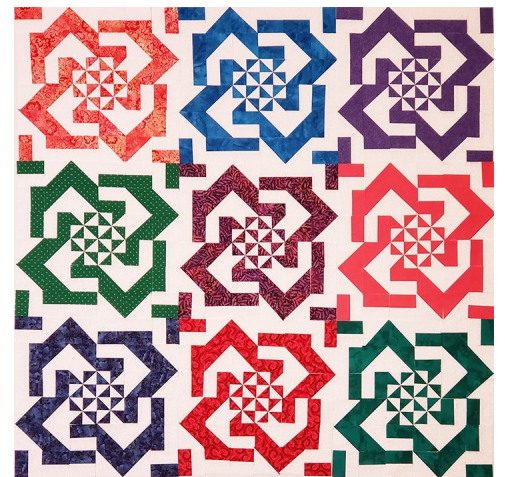
~Ginger Brothers



If you are looking for a pattern for your pet bed project, check out the video above.

Quilters on Youtube

- [Just Get It Done Quilts](#) - Specializes in scrap busters and conquering your stash!
- [Brita the Questioning Quilter](#) - Specializes in disappearing blocks from basic pinwheels and HST's.
- [Jordan Fabrics](#) - Specializes in using precuts to make traditional patterns
- [Angela Walters](#) - Specializes in machine quilting
- Many of these creators create their own websites and content for subscriptions. Feel free to sign up for inspiration from any creator that you like.



This is called the "Celtic Rose" From Brita the Questioning quilter. It is a disappearing block and takes three cuts.